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CHESTER FROM THE AIR

PENNSYLVANIA'S SECOND LARGEST INDUSTRIAL CITY ON THE DELAWARE RIVER

The above aerial photograph gives one a fair bird's-eye view of the riverfront section of Chester taken from a point near the southern boundary of the city, showing the upper stretch of the Delaware River toward Philadelphia

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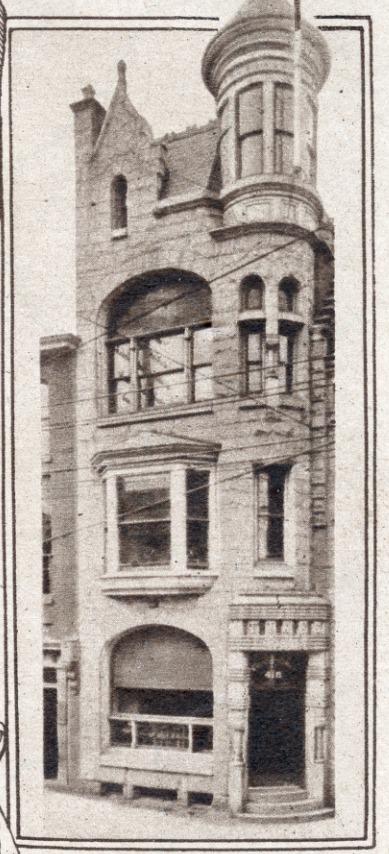

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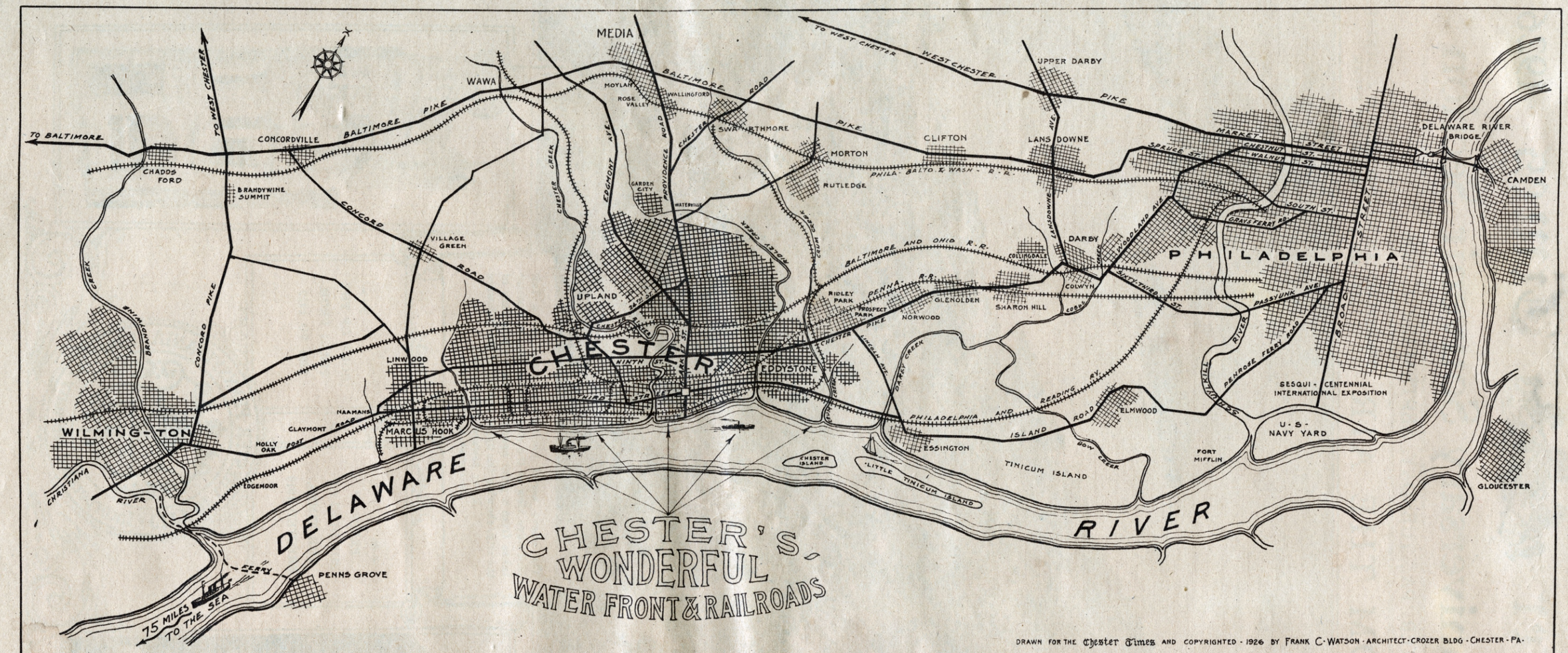

Water, Rail and Highway Routes of Chester City and Delaware County

Water

WATERFRONT of the Chester District on the Delaware River—6 miles. Width of river opposite Chester—1¾ miles. Channel on Pennsylvania side—35 feet. Distance from Chester by water to the sea—75 miles. Distance by water from Chester to Philadelphia—18 miles. Distance from Chester to New York City by sea—217 miles. Industries with shipping facilities on the waterfront in Chester District—30. Vessels entered or cleared in 1925—foreign, 63; domestic, 117. Custom duties for 1925—$349,376.99. Municipal Pier at foot of Market street. Daily communication between Philadelphia and Chester of two freighters, which will pick up or discharge cargoes at all points between the two cities. Passenger boats stopping at Chester daily—8 northbound; 8 southbound.

Railroads

Three trunk-line railroads through City of Chester. Loaded freight cars moved into or from Chester District in 1925—225,000. Passenger trains stopping at Pennsylvania station—northbound, 66; southbound, 65. Passenger trains stopping at Baltimore & Ohio station—northbound, 27; southbound, 26. Electrification of Pennsylvania elevated tracks between Philadelphia and Wilmington through Chester to be completed in 1927. Distance by rail between Chester and Philadelphia, 13.4 miles; between Chester and Wilmington, 13.3 miles; between Chester and Baltimore, 81.8 miles. Octoraro Branch of Pennsylvania Railroad passes through center of county, connecting more than a dozen suburban communities. Electric interurban lines farther north in county. New $250,000 Reading freighthouse in course of construction on riverfront.

Highways

Miles of State and State-aid roads in the county—111.73. Percentage of these roads made of concrete or with concrete base, 75; balance macadam. Number of State roads entering City of Chester from county—5. Miles of streets in City of Chester—81. Miles of paved streets in Chester—59¾. Distance from City Hall, Chester, to City Hall, Philadelphia, by nearest traveled roads, 16 miles; Chester to Wilmington, 14 miles; Chester to Baltimore, 88 miles; Chester to Darby, 8 miles; Chester to Media, 5 miles; Chester to Swarthmore, 4 miles; Chester to Ridley Park, 3 miles; Chester to Marcus Hook, 3 miles.

Air

Landing field recognized and located on the maps of the United States Army, one-half mile west of Media on the Baltimore Pike.

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PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON & BALTIMORE RAILROAD.

TIME TABLE, AUGUST 14, 1876.

SOUTHWARD.

Trains from Philadelphia will leave depot corner of Broad street and Washington avenue as follows:

Fifty-Eighth street, 7, 8 10, 9 35, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Mt Moriah, 7, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Bonnaffon, 7, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Pascha, 7, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Darby, 7, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Sharon Hill, 7, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Glenolden, 7, 9 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Norwood, 7, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 4 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Moore's, 7, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Ridley Park, 7, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 4, 5 15, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15, 11 30 p m.

Crum Lynne, 7, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Eddystone, 7, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Chester, 7, 7 30, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 4, 4 30, 5 15, 5 30, 6, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11, 11 30 p m.

Lamokin, 7, 8 10, 6 30, 10 30 a m, 12 30, 2 30, 3, 3 40, 4, 4 30, 5 30, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 15 p m.

Thurlow, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 3, 4, 5 15, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 30 p m.

Trainer's, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 3, 4, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45 p m.

Linwood, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 3, 4, 5 15, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 30 p m.

Claymont, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 3, 4, 5 15, 6 15, 6 42, 9 48, 11 30 p m.

Bellevue, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 3, 4, 5, 6 45, 9 45 p m.

Edge Moor, 3 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 3, 4, 5 15, 6 15, 6 48, 9 45 p m.

Wilmington, 7 30, 8 10, 9 30, 10 30 a m, 12 15, 3, 4, 5 15, 5 30, 6, 6 15, 6 45, 9 45, 11 30 p m.

Newport, Stanton, 7 30 a m, 4, 5 30 p m.

Newark, Elkton, Northeast, 7 30 a m, 4, 5 30, 11 30 p m.

Charlestown, Principio, 7 30 a m, 4, 5 30 p m.

Perryville, Havre-de-Grace, 7 30 a m, 12 15, 4, 5 30, 6, 11 30 p m.

Aberdeen, Perrymansville, Edgewood, Magnolia, 7 30 a m, 4, 5 30, 11 30 p m.

Chase's, Stemmer's Run, 7 30 a m, 4 p m.

Baltimore, 7 30 a m, 12 15, 4, 5 30, 11 30 p m.

NORTHWARD.

On account of the difference of time, trains leave Baltimore by city time, five minutes earlier than stated below:

Trains for Philadelphia will leave as follows:

Baltimore, 7, 8, 9 30 a m, 3, 7, 8 30, 11 45 p m.

Havre-de-Grace, 12 50, 6 28, 8 26, 9 21, 10 52 a m, 4 17, 8 25, 9 33 p m.

Perryville, 12 50, 6 45, 6 35, 9 41, 11 01 a m, 4 26, 8 34, 10 03 p m.

Wilmington, 7 17, 6 40, 7, 8 10, 8 20, 9 30, 9 32, 10 37, 10 45 a m, 12 14, 2 30, 5 05, 5 47, 7 20, 9 51, 11 14 p m.

Chester, 8, 8 48, 7 15, 7 45, 8 34, 8 47, 8 52, 10 05, 10 26, 11 21 a m, 1 43, 3 10, 4 33, 5 39, 5, 8, 6 14, 8 06, 10 25 p m.

DELAWARE DIVISION.

Trains from Philadelphia will leave as follows, for stations on Delaware Division and all connections, 8 10 a m.

Newcastle, 12 15 p m.

Harrington and Way stations, connecting at Clayton for Smyrna and Kent County Railroad and at Townsend with Queen Anne's and Kent Railroad, for all stations, 6 15 p m.

Delmar, and Way stations, 8 10 a m, 5 15, 11 30 p m.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

No trains will be run on Sunday except those named below:

Trains from Philadelphia will leave as follows, for Lamokin and intermediate stations, 1 p m.

Wilmington and way stations, 8 30 a m, 6, 9 45 p m.

Baltimore, stopping at principal stations, 11 30 p m.

Trains for Philadelphia will leave as follows, from Lamokin and intermediate stations, 9 15 a m.

Wilmington, stopping at way stations, 8 10 a m, 5 30 p m.

Baltimore, stopping at principal stations, 7 p m.

H. F. KENNEDY, Superintendent.

Chester & Delaware River R. R.

TIME TABLE.

Passenger trains run on the Chester & Delaware River Railroad, daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:

SOUTHWARD.

Leave.	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM
Eddystone,	6 45	9 50	11 30	6 20	5 00
Morton's,	6 00	9 54	11 34	3 24	5 04
Chester,	6 14	9 59	11 39	3 29	5 09
Penn street,	6 19	10 04	11 44	3 31	5 14
Roach's,	6 24	10 09	11 49	3 39	5 19
South Chester,	6 31	10 16	11 56	3 46	5 26
Arrive.					
Thurlow,	6 34	10 19	11 59	3 49	5 29

NORTHWARD.

Leave.	AM	AM	NOON	PM	PM
Thurlow,	6 35	10 20	12 00	3 50	5 45
South Chester,	6 8	10 23	12 03	3 53	5 48
Roach's,	6 45	10 31	12 10	4 00	5 55
Penn street,	6 5	10 35	2 15	4 05	6 10
Chester,	6 55	10 40	12 20	4 10	6 08
Morton's,	7 00	10 45	12 25	4 15	6 10
Arrive.					
Eldystone,	7 04	10 49	12 29	4 19	9 14

On Saturdays the trains will run hourly from 5 p m, until 10 p m.

Philadelphia & Baltimore Central Railroad.

Trains run as follows:

Leave Philadelphia, from the depot of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, cor. Broad and Washington avenue:

For Port Deposit at 7 a m, and 4 30 p m.

For Oxford at 7 a m, 4 30 and 6 45 p m; Saturdays and Wednesdays only 2 30 p m.

Train leaving Philadelphia at 7 a m connects at Port Deposit with train for Baltimore; at 7 a m and 4 30 p m at Oxford with Peachbottom Railroad; at 4 30 p m at Chadd's Ford with Wilmington & Reading Railroad.

Trains for Philadelphia leave Port Deposit at 7 a m and 4 25 p m; Oxford at 5 40 and 10 45 a m, and Chadd's Ford at 7 23 and 9 24 a m, 4 33 and 6 49 p m Tuesdays and Fridays only at 12 20 p m.

On Sundays train leaves Philadelphia at 8 30 a m for Oxford and all intermediate stations. Returning, leave Oxford at 3 15 p m, Chadd's Ford at 4 11 p m for Philadelphia and all intermediate stations.

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CHESTER DAILY TIMES.

It is a custom, sometimes more honored in the breach than observance, for the editor to make a great many promises which he cannot perform. It is well enough to adopt EXCELSIOR as a motto, though but few reach to mediocrity. The extent of our promise is, to *try to please ourself*. If we do that we shall accomplish a great deal.—It is the greatest nonsense in the world to try to please everybody; and the editor who promises to please his patrons, has seen but little of the world if he expects to succeed. In conducting the *Times* we shall be strictly independent. We mean, that we shall not bow to "rings," "cliques," "factions," or parties, in the advocation of any measure that we do not conscientiously believe calculated to advance the public good. In all matters, public or secular we shall aim strictly at the truth; but we shall not vouch for any article telegraphed to the associated press, for while in the main the telegraphers may aim well, experience has proven that the means are often very badly abused.

This is our platform. We ask that our readers shall judge us by it, and by our paper, and not by what our neighbors may say to our prejudice.

The Massachusetts republicans had a grand torch-light parade in honor of the nomination of Hayes and Wheeler, at Worcester, on the 4th inst. Speeches and fireworks adorned the occasion.

The election in Arkansas, on the 4th inst., was warmly contested, both parties being out in full force. The State is conceded to the democrats by an overwhelming majority.

Horatio Seymour positively declines the democratic nomination for Governor of New York. He resigns solely on the account of ill-health. The late convention is called to meet again on the 18th inst., and make another selection.

An immense greenback meeting was held in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pa., on the 4th inst. Delegations, headed by bands of music, came to it from all sections. Judge Bently, a leading republican of the city, presided, and General Carey made a telling speech.

METHODIST REUNION.—The Methodists of Richmond, Va., and vicinity held a large mass meeting on the 4th inst., to consider the reports of the joint commission of the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church South, which met at Cape May last month. Resolutions heartily approving the action of the commission and pledging earnest support to the same were unanimously adopted. Stirring addresses were delivered by prominent laymen and ministers of the church.

The instructions of Attorney General Taft to the United States Marshals regarding the coming elections, having been approved by the President, were issued yesterday. In the course of the circular he advises the Marshals that they and their deputies have the right to summon to their assistance every person in the disturbed district, civilian or military, above the age of 15 years. He further says that no State law or State official has jurisdiction to oppose the Marshals in the discharge of their duties, and if such interference take place it must be disregarded. The circular was considered at a conference in Washington yesterday, between Secretaries Cameron, Robeson and Chandler, Attorney-General Taft, and Governor Chamberlain and Senator Patterson of South Carolina. It was decided that General Sherman should issue an order for the information of the army, containing the instructions of the Attorney-General. Governor Chamberlain was present at the conference by invitation of the Attorney-General and the Secretary of War.

PRIZE FIGHT.—The recent prize fight near Pennsville, N. J., between Weeden and Koster, and which resulted in the death of Koster, has produced considerable excitement. The funeral of Koster was attended by an immense crowd from his late residence, South Second street, Philadelphia. It was found necessary to send a large force of police to the scene. Young Koster was goaded into the fight by taunts and sneers, and was trained for it in defiance of age and his father's opposition, and was terribly mangled by his older and more experienced boxer. The murder of Koster, bids fair to bring about a change. His murderer, Weeden, the seconds and aides, together with the captains of the tugboats that carried the brutal crew to the scene of conflict, have been arrested and committed—those who could not give bail—to appear and answer to the outraged laws of New Jersey. It will be a source of joy to every friend of good order, to hear of the prompt and severe punishment of every one in any way participating in the affair.

The Coroner's jury rendered the following verdict: We, the jury, find that Philip Koster, alias Walker, came to his death from violence, blows inflicted by the fists of James Weeden during a prize fight at Pennsville, N. J., on the morning of Thursday, August 31st, 1876.

We further find that Samuel Collyer, Richard Goodwin, alias "Spring Dick," and all the others who were inside the ring during the fight were principals for the murder of Philip Koster alias Walker.

We further find that John H. Clark, Stephen Cochran, Fiddler Neary, Capt. John Scully, of tug "McFadden;" Capt. Patrick McCauley, of the tug "Rebecca;" Capt. Walton, of tug "Thomas H. Yorke;" Capt. Michael McGoulbach, tug "Sallie;" Capt. Lawrence Simmons, tug "Lawrence;" Patrick Carroll, refreshment stand on the "Creedmore," were all accessories to the murder.

The Prohibitionists of Chester county, have placed Elijah F. Pennypacker in nomination for Congress; Lewis Marshal, for Senator; J. A. Shoffner, Hamilton Graham, Wm. B. Neslit, for Assembly. These are all good men.

Election News.

VERMONT.—The election on Tuesday for State officers, resulted in a republican victory. The State is republican and but little prospect of any change. Last year the Democrats gained considerably and succeeded in electing sixty members of the Legislature; this year with an increased vote of several thousand they fall back to thirty; while the republicans do not seem to have polled their full strength. The majority will be, perhaps, 30,000.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—The charter election took place on the 4th, and resulted in a republican triumph. Wilmington is a republican city, though last year, she gave the Democrats a handsome show. Now she whirls back into the republican line and elects eight of the ten council-men, and displays an aggregate majority of over a thousand.

ARKANSAS.—The greatest change, so far is in Arkansas, where the Democrats make a clean sweep, carrying the State by about 40,000 majority.

Further returns from Vermont show that the vote is the largest ever before polled, and show a Republican gain of 38 per cent., with a Democratic gain of 73 per cent. over the vote of 1874, showing a net Democratic gain of 35 per cent. In no election within twelve years in Vermont has the Republican ticket received so small a proportion of the total as in this election. The same percentage of gain would give the Democracy nearly every State in the Union. The *Graphic*, Republican organ, this evening admits that the Democrats have made larger gains than the Republicans, comparisons being made with the vote of Presidential years. These returns show that the absolute Republican majority will be less than in 1864, 1868 or 1872, in a total vote the largest ever polled in the State.

Political.

Old man Cooper, of New York, is the greenback candidate for President.

Blanton Duncan says, Cooper will carry several states.

Mark Twain is for Hayes. Mark was always regarded as rather hazey.

Carl Schurz admits a considerable political defection among the Germans.

The Republicans of California declare their ability to carry that state for Hayes.

William H. Knight, has been nominated for Sheriff, by the Democrats of Philadelphia. They consider him the "right man for the right place."

During the past week state conventions by the two contending parties, have been held in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Iowa. All declare in favor of civil service, reform and retrenchment.

The Prohibition party of New Jersey have placed Green Clay Smith and G. T. Stewart in nomination for President and Vice President.

General Banks is on the stump for Hayes and Wheeler.

Senator Gordon fears the recent Grant-Cameron order will be the means of losing two states to the Democracy down south.

The St. Louis Republican says they are charging Tilden with promising Charles Francis Adams a place in his cabinet. This is dreadful.

The Boston Post (Dem.) says: "Hayes has been governor of Ohio three times, and has proven himself a friend of reform.—[Carl Schurz.] Tilden has been Governor of New York, and has proven himself a reformer. Between a reformer and 'a friend of reform' there is as much difference, honest Carl, as between the positive and negative poles."

Gov. Hendricks made a political speech at Shelbyville, Ind., on Saturday night, in the course of which he replied to some recent remarks of Senator Morton. He also said that he had yielded to the wishes of his friends, and would make a few other addresses to the people. The meeting was one of the largest ever held in Indiana, and Mr. Hendricks was very enthusiastically received.

Mr. Yardley, a colored lawyer, of Knoxville, and lately a justice of the Peace, announces that he is a candidate for Governor of Tennessee, "because the State Republican Convention, to which he was a delegate, failed to carry out his views on questions vital to the Republican party, and voted down every proposition in the interest of his race."

The Greenback State Convention of Missouri will meet in Jefferson City on Wednesday. The Independent Greenbackers of New York will hold a State Convention at Albany on the 39th inst.

The Prohibitionists of Mercer county have nominated a State ticket for the coming election.

The Pennsylvania State Executive Committee, of the Cooper and Cary Independent party, met at Harrisburg, and was called to order by E. M. Davis, of Philadelphia. Samuel L. Youngman was elected chairman of the committee. A lively discussion on the money question took place, and a number of letters were read from prominent members of the party throughout the State.

Ten millions of the new four-and-a-half per cent. bonds have already passed through the Treasury Printing Bureau, and will be sent to the Syndicate in two or three days.

ATTENTION, MARSHALS!

What Your Responsibilities and Absolute Powers are on the Next Election Day. A Cabinet Conference.

WASHINGTON, September 4.

The following are the instructions from the Attorney General to United States Marshals regarding the coming elections. A copy will be sent to each United States Marshal throughout the country:

SIR: The laws of the United States having made it my duty to exercise general direction over Marshals as to the manner of discharging their offices, I have prepared for their use this circular letter of instructions as to the coming elections, intending the same also as a reply, once for all, to numerous applications in like connection from private citizens in various States. In the present condition of legislation the United States occupy a position toward voters and voting which varies according as the election is for State and other local offices only, or for members of Congress and Presidential electors.

In elections at which members of the House of Representatives are chosen, which by law also include elections at which the electors for President and Vice President are appointed, the United States secure voters against whatever in general hinders or prevents them from a free exercise of the elective franchise, extending that care alike to the registration lists, the act of voting and the personal freedom and security of the voter, as well as against violence on account of any vote that he may intend to give as against conspiracy, or because of any that he may already have given. The peace of the United States, therefore, which you are to preserve, and whose violation you are to suppress, protect (among others) the rights specified in the last paragraph, and any person who by force violates these rights break that peace and renders it your duty to arrest him, and suppress any riots incident thereto, or that threaten the integrity of the registration or election, to the end that the will of the people in such election may be ascertained and take effect and that offenders may be brought before the courts for punishment. Notorious events in several States, which recently, and in an unusual manner, have been publicly reprobated, render it a grave duty of all marshals who have cause to apprehend a violation of the peace of the United States, connected, as above, with the elections to be held upon the Tuesday after the first Monday in November next, to be prepared to preserve and to restore such peace. As the chief executive officer of the United States in your district, you will be held responsible for all breaches of the peace of the United States which diligence on your part might have prevented, and for the arrest and securing of all persons who violate that peace in any of the points above enumerated. Diligence in these matters requires, of course, that you be and continue present, in person or by deputy, at all places of registration and election whenever you have reason to suspect that the peace is threatened, and that wherever an embodiment of the *posse comitatus* is required to enforce the law such embodiment be effected.

In discharging the duties above mentioned you will doubtless receive the countenance and support of all the good citizens of the United States in your respective districts. It is not necessary to say that it is upon such countenance and support that the United States mainly rely in their endeavor to enforce the right to vote which they have given or have secured.

The present instructions are intended only to counteract that partial malice, wrong-headedness or inconsideration which sometimes triumphs at critical moments over the conservative, and, in general, prevailing forces of society, and to which the present and passing condition of the country gives more than ordinary strength, and therefore requires the government particularly to observe and provide against.

In this connection I advise that you and each of your deputies, general and "special," have a right to summon to your assistance in preventing and quelling disorder every person in the District above fifteen years of age, whatever may be their occupation, whether civilians or not, and including the military of all denominations, militia, soldiers, marines, all of whom are alike bound to obey you. The fact that they are organized as military bodies (whether of the State or of the United States,) under the immediate command of their own officers, does not in any wise affect their legal character. They are still the "posse comitatus." I prefer to quote the above statement of the laws upon this point from an opinion by my predecessor, ex-Attorney-General Cushing, because it thus appears to have been well settled for many years. [See opinion 466, May 27, 1854.] I need hardly add that there can be no State law or State official in this country who has jurisdiction to oppose you in discharging your official duties under the laws of the United States.

If such interference shall take place, a thing not anticipated, you are to disregard it entirely. The laws of the United States are supreme, and so, consequently, is the actions of officials of the United States in enforcing them. There is, as virtually you have already been told, no officer of a State whom you may not by summons embody into your posse, and any State posse, already embodied by a sheriff will, with such sheriff be obliged, upon summons, to become part of a United States posse, and obey you or your deputy acting *virtute officii*.

The responsibility which devolves upon an officer clothed with such powers and required to guard the highest rights of citizens, corresponds in a degree with those powers and rights and extracts of such officers' consideration, intelligence and courage.

You will find appended in full, or by reference, such statutory provisions as it seems important that you and your deputies shall, in this connection, read and consider. In matters of doubt you are, of course entitled to the advice of the United States Attorneys for your district. These instructions have been submitted to the President and have his approval. Very Respectfully,

ALONZA TAFT,
Attorney General of the United States.

A CONFERENCE OVER THE SUBJECT.

There was a lengthy conference at the War Department previous to issuing the order to United States Marshals in regard to the approaching election. It was attended by Secretaries Cameron, Robeson and Chandler, Attorney General Taft, General Sherman, Governor Chamberlain and Secretary Patterson, of South Carolina. The object of the meeting was to take preparatory steps to carry out the order in case of necessity, and have a full understanding as to the military giving aid to United States Marshals.

After a free exchange of views upon the subject it was finally decided that a copy of the circular letter of instructions of the Attorney General be referred to General Sherman for his information and guidance. He will, therefore, immediately issue a general order for the information of the army, in which will be published in full the instructions of the Attorney General. In case of disturbance the marshal need only call upon the military officer in command and the proper military force will be furnished to him without delay.

General Summary.

Queen Victoria weighs one hundred and eighty pounds.

Tilden's "genius for organization" is said to have been shown at Saratoga.

Grasshoppers are reported to be at the buckwheat in New Jersey.

Coffins for birds, cats, dogs and other pets are now sold in New York.

To know that you are beloved by some *particular* one, is the acme of all happiness.

The same counterfeit $5 bill was recently presented at the National Bank of Pottstown three times in one day.

Five runaway couples were married in two days by a Gallatin, Tenn., minister recently.

The twin brother of the late Speaker Kerr lives in Titusville, Pa., where they were born.

"Onorable jug" was a Minnesota juror's address to his Honor who presided over the Court.

During the last four years the membership of trades' unions in this country has fallen off fifty-eight thousand.

The expense of producing Wagner's opera at Bayreuth was about $225,000, including the festivities connected with it.

The Bishops of Greece have requested that the Bible be excluded from the public schools, and their request was granted.

England has waged forty-nine wars since 1300; France, thirty-eight; Russia, twenty-two; Austria, 12, and Prussia, eight.

Allen and Goss, the prize-fighters, were arrested in Cincinnati Monday and compelled to give bonds not to fight in Ohio.

The Mansion Hotel and three surrounding blocks in Seaforth, Ontario, were swept away by fire Monday morning. Loss, $75,000.

Berks county, that has not yet done voting for Jackson, has 250 soldiers pensioners of the recent war.

The deed conveying the Washington Monument and grounds to the United States is at the State Department, awaiting approval.

The total coinage of the Philadelphia, Carson and San Francisco mints during August was $7,152,350.

FIRE.—The citizens of Hyacenth, Canada, had a $2,000,000 fire on Sunday last, destroying three banks, court house, postoffice, market and several factories.

There is a cavern near Decorah, Iowa, called the Ice Cave. It is 200 feet deep, and in the summer the water which drips from the rocks freezes as it falls. The strange thing is that in winter no ice forms in the cave, even that of summer disappearing.

The whole story of life has been compressed into this dainty little poem by Jean Ingelow:

Sweet is childhood—childhood's over
Kiss and part.
Sweet is youth; but youth's a rover—
So's my heart.
Sweet is rest; but all my showing
Toil is nigh.
We must go. Alas! the going—
Say "Good-bye."

A quiet effort has been made by a number of clergymen of New York, to procure some public expression of opinion with reference to Turkish outrages upon the Christian population of Servia, with a view of ultimately enlisting the sympathies of our Government in their behalf. It was deemed advisable, however, to take no decisive steps until other clergymen now in the country should return to the city. The movement, no doubt, will culminate in a public meeting.

A young lady of Funchow Foo, China, recently publicly committed suicide. Dressed as the "queen of heaven" and accompanied by a large company of friends, she was carried to the scaffold near the temple, stopping at intervals to eat of the regular funeral viands by the road side. She made a little speech from the scaffold, put the noose about her neck, bowed to the multitude, and, kicking out the support, "ascended to heaven on the back of a stork."

The hair of a woman nearly ninety, who died on Martha's Vineyard recently, was wholly woven in with false hair, which had not been removed for over thirty years, and was held in place by 180 pins. One article of her dress was held together by 308 pins, though her bureaus contained ninety-eight new dress patterns of all kinds and qualities, some of them bought sixty-four years ago, and one elegant brocade silk could be traced back two hundred years.

Facsimile of the Chester Daily Times' Front Page Fifty Years Ago Today

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO CHESTER TIMES

Many Other Distinguished Citizens Send Commendatory Letters on Occasion of Fiftieth Anniversary

A WORD FROM
FORMER GOVERNOR WM. C. SPROUL

Editors Chester Times:

The Chester Times had its inception in the Centennial year, and no factor in the remarkable progress which Delaware County has made in the past half century has been more important than the influence of this excellent journal. It seems almost startling to me to look back and to contemplate that my own connection with the Chester Times began when the daily was only eight years old and I was fourteen. The items that I brought in from the Chester High School attracted the attention of John A. Wallace, the active editor and manager of the paper and later my esteemed partner in the enterprise. He asked me if I did not want to work and be paid for it and to bring in news items whenever I came across them. I told him nothing would suit me better, and then and there we made an arrangement by which I was put on the payroll at $1.50 a week. This was a goodly sum at that stage of my career and I do not believe that there was any other lad in the Chester High School who had more money to spend. In that same year, 1884, I became Chester correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, and this connection more than doubled my income, so that I felt quite like a magnate on my fourteenth birthday.

But this is all a diversion from the matter I have in mind right now—to send to the Chester Times and its publishers my cordial greetings and best wishes for them upon this important anniversary occasion. The Times is one of the very best local newspapers in the United States. It covers its territory thoroughly and has a strong hold upon the affections of its constituency. As the community which it so well serves grows in population and importance, as it is bound to grow, the Times will become greater and greater and its field of influence will be more widely extended. That it may always stand for the highest ideals in citizenship and the civic and spiritual welfare of the city, the county, the State and the Nation, is my devoted wish.

WM. C. SPROUL.

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
JUDGES' CHAMBERS

Philadelphia, July 13, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

I understand the Chester Times is observing its fiftieth anniversary. There is something so animate about the Times that it seems to me it must relish words of greeting on the anniversary of its nativity just as sentient human beings do. Whether the Times as an institution has this consciousness or not, I am certain its editors have, and hence I cannot refrain from sending it and them this message of my interest and good will.

During most of the years of the Times' existence, I have had a more than usual personal touch and connection with it, as reader, contributor and attorney. I have been the recipient of countless kindnesses at its hands and I bear toward it an interest and warm feeling which I have for no other publication. I read it daily, and unless it comes to my hand there is a void in the day's doings.

The Times, in the fifty years of its existence, has played a great part in the development of the City of Chester and Delaware County. Not a little, indeed a very great deal, of the upbuilding of both has been due to it. When the optimism of others was at low ebb, the Times was always a booster of their possibilities. There is now in the offing for the old city and county such an era of prosperity as they have never known, notwithstanding the marvels of the past few years. The Times leads the van in this prosperity and development march, and as they come the paper's influence will continue to widen and grow. My warmest greetings to "Chester's favorite daily" on its rounding of the half century.

Sincerely yours,
WM. I. SCHAFFER.

UNITED STATES SENATE

Philadelphia, July 13, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

This is a year of significant anniversaries. The Chester Times is completing a half century of usefulness and is taking a long look ahead. In the case of the individual, fifty years of service impairs power and circulation. In the case of a paper, power and circulation are stimulated by service and its sphere of influence is constantly growing larger. A newspaper is the tongue of the community. There are all sorts of tongues and there are diversities of utterance. The Times speaks the best thought of the community and utters such things as make for prosperity and progress.

I join with all good citizens in hearty congratulations upon the successes of the past and in a confident prediction that greater achievements will mark the future.

GEORGE WHARTON PEPPER.

West Chester, Pa., July 15, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

One of your patrons and my constituent, talking to me last week of the industrial expansion of Chester during the past twenty-five years, commented with earnestness upon the contribution to this end which the Chester Times has made.

At the time I had in my mind, as I have now, the struggles which your predecessors made to establish and maintain a newspaper; men who could see the difference between right and wrong; who never lacked the courage to advocate the one and condemn the other. I knew the elder Wallace and his associate, Donath. They believed in the expansive future of their city and advocated everything good which led to its development in both men and things. I knew this to be so, for I worked with them both and acknowledged many times the usefulness of their counsels. Many of their views of which they wrote and urged upon their listeners were not of dreams but conceptions of a great development which would in short years to come make the city a place where business men would apply their business talents in a variety and volume of production almost unequaled in the business world.

Their visions were by some called dreams, but we have lived to see them come true. They did not write of Chester's future for profit, but because of their sincere belief in the attractions to entice business to come within its neighborhood — raw materials within easy reach, labor abundant and willing, and transportation both by land and water not offered elsewhere. Were their visions of a great development worthy of their constant presentation? The answer is found in a trip over the Pennsylvania Railroad from Marcus Hook to Darby. Have your paper advise those who are in ignorance of present industrial conditions within that territory count the smokestacks and report the number to you, and then think of your precedessors' prophecy. What I am now writing to you I know, because I have seen nearly all of them built and smoke going up from them all during the past quarter of a century. Let no one who hesitates doubt the wisdom of these pioneers of business activity.

This year being the fiftieth of the Chester Times' life, I am supposed to tender to both of you the accustomed and stereotyped congratulations. They seem too formal and do not fully express the real value of your newspaper's efforts toward Chester's business success. In a little line and without attempt actually to estimate the contributions to the world's needs and on which it lives and thrives in this small piece of the world's space, there is made the greatest locomotive which man's inventive genius ever contrived and is woven the finest silk dress that adorns the bride on her wedding day. These same men who went though life unafraid of criticism of a new idea saw before they crossed the skyline the beginning of this development, the marvel of the business men.

I have not written of my own observations, but am repeating those of men from all parts of the United States; indeed, it is the usual comment of those who have come and have seen.

Yes, your newspaper deserves more than the mere good wishes of the well-wishers, but an acknowledgment of gratitude publicly made upon the direct effect which it has had and is now having upon the business development of a community which almost surpasses the understanding of business men.

Very sincerely yours,
THOMAS S. BUTLER.

JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
MEDIA, DEL. CO., PA.

August 2, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

It gives me a very great deal of pleasure indeed to congratulate you upon the fiftieth anniversary of your birth and to know that you are going so strong—that your age has not weakened but has strengthened you. Your bright, cheerful and interesting self is daily looked for by, and has been an inspiration to, the people not only in Chester but also in the rest of Delaware County, for which county you have done much. You have been at the forefront of all progress and of things that are worth while and deserve the great success which has been yours.

You have been growing in size and in influence from the time I first knew you, nearly forty years ago, and as time wears on, I bespeak for you a future even brighter than has been your past, if that be possible.

Those who are responsible for your well-being, your vigor, your influence, are to be thanked by all Delaware County.

W. ROGER FRONEFIELD.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Paul Smith's, N. Y.,
July 8, 1926.

My dear Mr. Long:

It is a pleasure to send to the Chester Times, and to you as its President, my hearty congratulations upon its fiftieth anniversary.

A record of devotion to high ideals and the welfare of the community for half a century is worthy of all commendation.

My best wishes for the future.

Very truly yours,

Calvin Coolidge

Mr. Charles R. Long, President,
Chester Times,
Chester, Pa.

JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
MEDIA, PENNA.

July 15, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

You are certainly to be congratulated on your fiftieth anniversary. It does not seem very long to me since you were a small four-page paper serving the good people of Chester alone. Your growth to the present editions, and from a small plant to your present one, has been most marvelous, and now you are furnishing news to the whole county. You are an institution that has kept full pace with the development of the city and county. The best evidence of your service is the good words which former residents speak of you in depending upon you for their home news. Your being established in the Centennial year of the birth of our Nation makes me wish that you will celebrate your Sesqui-Centennial with even greater growth if possible than you have enjoyed during the past fifty years.

Yours very truly,
JOHN M. BROOMALL.

CITY OF CHESTER
PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 13, 1926.

Editors and Publishers Chester Times, Chester, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I know of no institution that has rendered a greater service to the people of this community than the Chester Times, and I sincerely congratulate you upon this the Fiftieth Anniversary of your publication.

I recall the small beginning of the career of the Chester Times and have watched it with a great interest grow to the commanding position it occupies in the newspaper and business world of today. My sincere hope is that it shall continue along the useful and helpful lines in which it has been conducted all these years.

Every community is safer where there exists a fearless and rightly directed newspaper.

Wishing every success for the future of your publication, and with my high personal regards for both of you, I remain

Very truly yours,
S. E. TURNER,
Mayor.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 10, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you and to the Chester Times organization my congratulations on the fiftieth anniversary of this great publication.

The Chester Times occupies an enviable position among the newspapers of the United States, and I am sure I speak for all of those who are acquainted with its good work when I join with your many friends in extending a few words of praise and hearty congratulations for continued success.

Believe me to be,
Very truly yours,
W. FREELAND KENDRICK,
Mayor.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNA.
DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
HARRISBURG, PA.

July 14, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

The editors of the Chester Times merit the community's sincere congratulations upon the completion of the first half century of publication of "Delaware County's leading newspaper in circulation and popularity."

Through these fifty years the Times has grown measurably and steadily in efficient news service to the people of our county and has consistently justified the high opinion in which it is held, serving well the county's interests.

It has long been first and foremost with the great majority of our folks in the city and the county because in its pages are to be found the important news of the day and, of equal if not greater interest to its readers, the newsy personal notes of happenings in all parts of the county. No one may agree always and entirely with the editorial policy of the paper, but this arises from honest differences of opinion and gives no occasion to doubt the paper's lofty purpose and sincere convictions.

I am glad to join with the great number of Delaware Countians who wish the Chester Times many more half centuries of faithful service.

F. P. WILLITS,
Secretary of Agriculture.

ST. PAUL'S RECTORY
300 E. BROAD ST.
CHESTER, PA.

Editors Chester Times:

As president of the Council of Churches of Chester and vicinity, I want to congratulate the Chester Times on its fifty years of uninterrupted and valuable service to the community.

The work of the press is threefold:

1. To reveal the conditions of a community and to declare to its people what is actually taking place.
2. To truthfully reflect the thoughts of the people.
3. To direct and uplift the thinking of a people.

The paper that does not do this has failed of its mission. The overemphasis of one of these functions and the neglect of the other two—whichever they may be—will make the paper useless, if not degrading.

It is possible to so reveal conditions actually existing as to make the reading of a paper demoralizing. It may be read, not with the idea of improving a community, but simply to feed on filth or in a spirit of rejoicing in the faults of others.

It may truthfully reflect the thoughts of many people, and yet not elevate the thought of a community. It may stifle the ideals of men and make them feel that there is no such thing as purity or disinterested charity.

It may take too seriously the didactic element and seek to direct and uplift, but without a realization of the condition and thought of the community.

Chester Times has tried to fulfill this threefold function.

While it has given "the news" and reflected both the condition and thought of Chester, it has always been a "clean sheet." No home need fear to have it enter.

It has always been kindly in the treatment of the clergy. There has never been any distortion of the truth in the interest of sensation.

It has always been ready to assist the clergy in any religious work in the community.

For thirty-three of the fifty years of its existence, I have been in charge of my present parish and a reader of the paper. While I thankfully remember the suppression of certain things for the good of the community, I do not recall a single instance in which there was a willful misstatement in regard to any of the clergy or the churches of our city.

FRANCIS M. TAITT,
Rector of St. Paul's Church.

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Editors Chester Times:

Heartiest congratulations upon the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Chester Times.

While a half century measured in comparison with the length of human ex-

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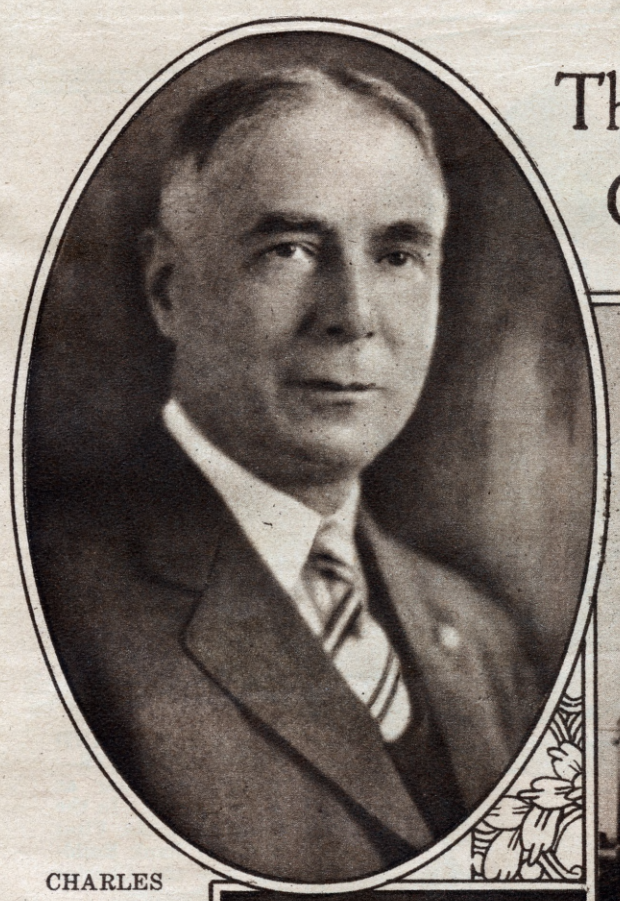
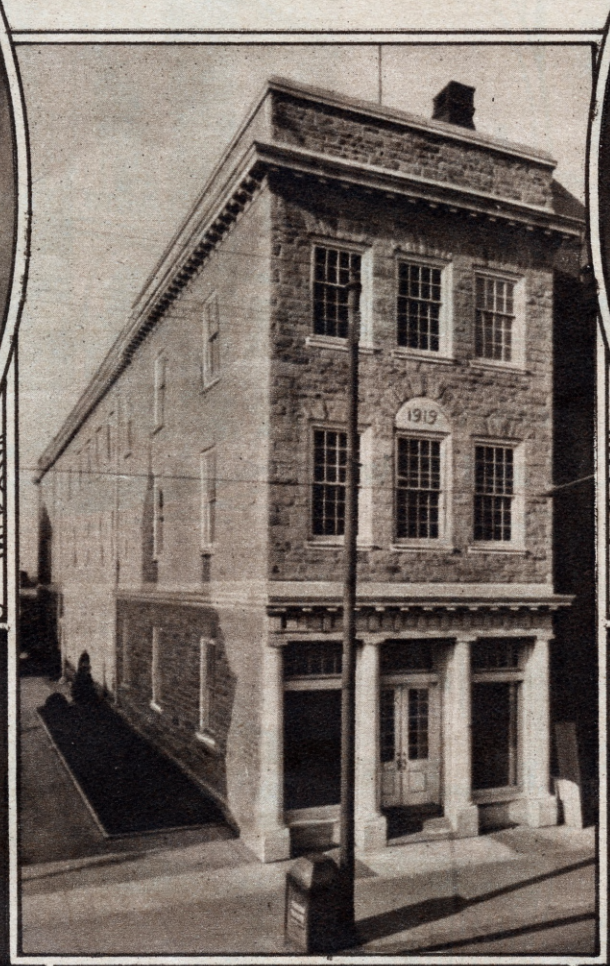
The Times Observes Its Golden Anniversary



CHARLES R. LONG
Present owner of half interest in the Times

WILLIAM C. SPROUL
Half owner of the Times for thirty-two years



PRESENT MAIN BUILDING OF THE TIMES—First floor is devoted to business and advertising offices; second floor to executive offices and part of composing room; third floor to modern job room; basement to press and stereotype rooms, paper storage, and vaults. The building adjoins the city property occupied by the Old Court House and the present City Hall

FRANK C. WALLACE
Present owner of half interest in the Times

JOHN A. WALLACE
First of the present line of owners of the Times

THE TIMES, the only daily paper in the City of Chester and the County of Delaware, celebrated its Golden Anniversary today; fifty years of daily service without an interruption except Sundays and the customary three holidays each year.

September, 1876—a four-page, five-column sheet for a community of 6000 persons; September, 1926—an eight-column paper frequently containing more than thirty pages and serving 100,000 readers.

During the past fifty years of its existence, the Times has published two large numbers especially prepared to show the life of Chester City and Delaware County.

The original purpose of each was to inform the stranger and to inspire the people who lived in this district with new pride and confidence in their city and surrounding country. Today, these two numbers remain as the most vivid and authentic histories that the city has.

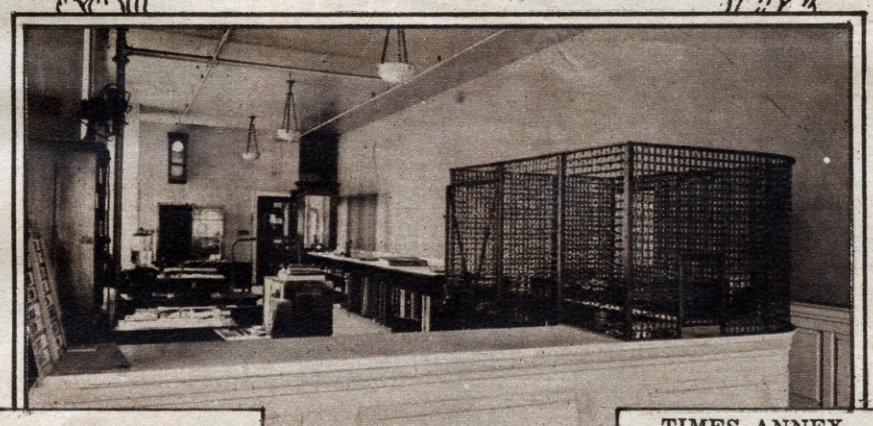
To these two numbers is added a third—the one published today. This issue likewise serves several purposes; published today as an inspiration, in a few years it, too, will be history.

The first one of these editions was called the "Industrial Number" and made its appearance in 1890, when Chester was a city of 35,000 persons. The number points out the passing of agricultural Chester and the growth of industrial activity—

"The awful solitude that was broken only by the song of the farm-hand and the lowing of the cattle has given way to the brisk hum of industry. * * *"

Twenty years later, in 1910, came the "Prosperity Number," with its purpose "to lay before the residents of this city and county, and the outside world, too, the advantages with which nature has richly endowed this section; and to present what has already been accomplished by the energy and thrift of our people."

And today the Anniversary Number, showing by pen and picture in a way never before attempted in this county the social, industrial and commercial development of Chester and the surrounding territory. No more fitting manner of celebrating an anniversary could be devised than by making a contribution of this nature to the city's progress.



BUSINESS OFFICE
On the first floor of the new building

TIMES ANNEX
Located on Fifth street between Market street and Edgmont avenue. This building connects with the new Times Building, forming an L of the whole property

The Times has mirrored and taken part in the many improvements which have marked the growth of the publishing business. Yet, despite the frequent changes of style, the increase in size and the improvement of content, the underlying tone of "First of All the Home News" has persisted.

The circulation of the Times has slowly but consistently grown from the date of the first issue up to the present time. As the new figures for each year showed an increase in population for the City of Chester, so the circulation of the Times also showed a proportionate gain.

During the year 1885 the daily net paid circulation was about 2700 copies. The next ten years showed a steady increase, and in 1895 the figures showed that the circulation was about 6000 copies daily net paid.

During 1905 a daily net paid circulation of 7800 copies was maintained, showing an increase over the last decade. The daily net paid circulation during 1915 was 9200 copies, and in 1925 a daily average of 17,750 copies was distributed. These figures between 1915 and 1925 represent the largest growth in circulation of any decade in the paper's history.

Today the net paid circulation of the Times averages 18,600 copies.

In April, 1919, the Chester Times became a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations. This bureau requires the publishers to supply a detailed publisher's statement every six months, and auditors of the company are sent once a year to go over the circulation books of the papers.

The circulation records of the Times are kept in a manner prescribed by the A. B. C., and each year the auditors of the company have substantiated the semi-annual statement of the publishers.

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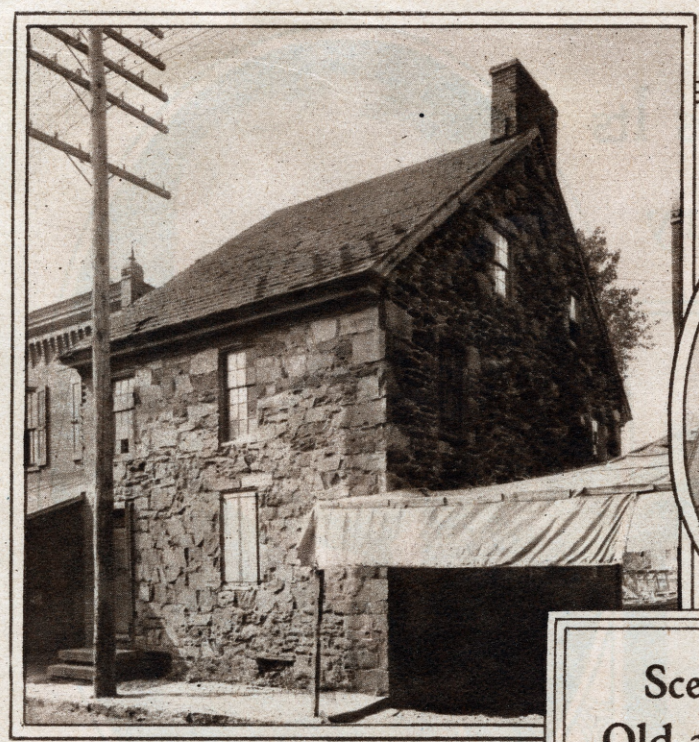
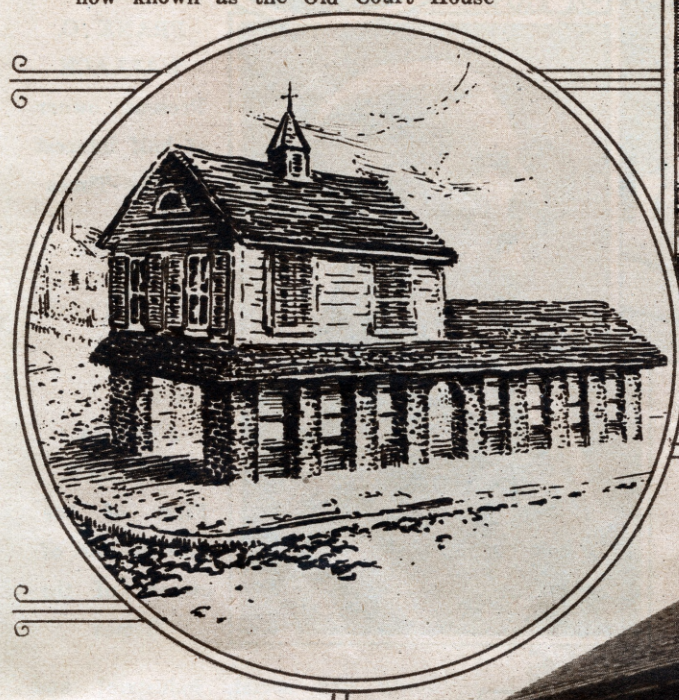
Scenes in Old and New Chester



AN EARLY JAIL AND COURT HOUSE Built in 1695, on Edgmont avenue above Second street. Torn down 1907. Used until 1724, when a new jail was erected at Fourth and Market streets adjacent to what is now known as the Old Court House

MARKET AND FIFTH STREETS—Southwest corner as it looks today. In the foreground, the First National Bank Building and the Chester Times Building.

MARKET AND FIFTH STREETS—Southwest corner in 1842. On the west side of the street: The Prothonotary's office, the Court House, the jail, and in the distance the Bank of Delaware County. On the east side of the street is the Washington House, which still stands



DRAWING OF THE OLD MARKET HOUSE—Built about 1744, in Market Square. The second story was added in 1830, and served as a City Council chamber and public library

JAMES BARBER HOUSE Built about 1700 on the north side of Second street, west of Market street

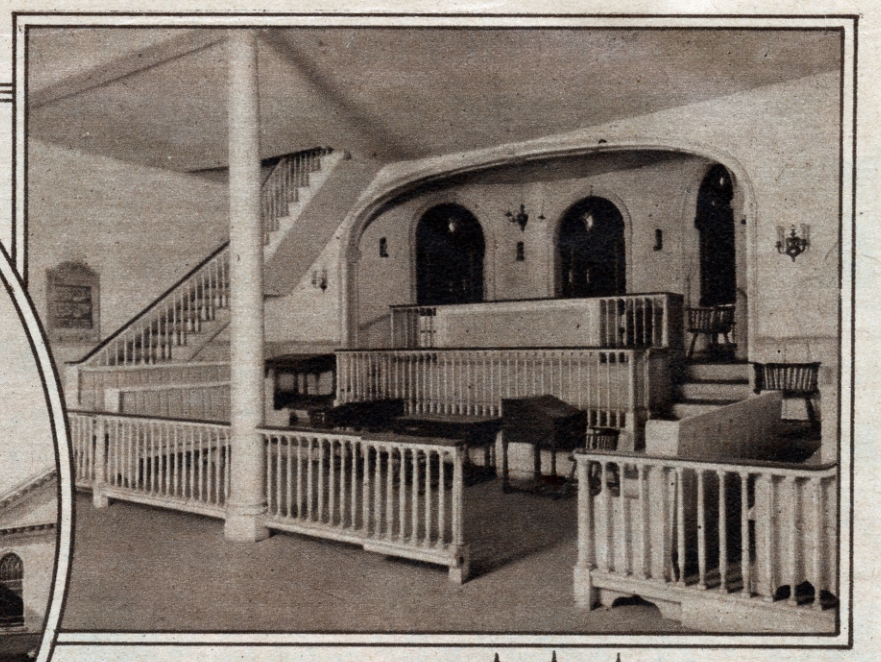
THE STEAMBOAT HOTEL—Built 1765. Part of this building is still standing. The circular window marks where a cannon ball from the British frigate Augusta struck the building in 1777

THREE HOUSES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST—The Lloyd house, built in 1703, by David Lloyd, William Penn's first Chief Justice; the John Lea house and the Francis Richardson house

THE OLD PUSEY HOUSE, UPLAND, PA.—One of the oldest houses still standing in Pennsylvania. Built 1683

Photographs Courtesy of Dr. Anna E. Broomall

OLD COURT HOUSE—Built in 1724 and restored and perpetuated in 1920. More than 2500 visitors from all over the United States and the world have registered in the past three months



INTERIOR OF OLD COURT HOUSE AS IT IS TODAY — Everything has been preserved or restored so that the court room is just like it was when William Penn presided on certain occasions

OLD COURT HOUSE AS IT APPEARED FROM 1866 to 1919, during which period it served as Chester's City Hall

Chester Visited by Many Sightseers and Tourists

A BOOK published this year by the Delaware County Historical Society lists more than one hundred places of historical interest in Chester.

More than 2500 visitors from every State in the Union and from many foreign lands have registered during the summer months of this year at the Old Court House, the most noted historical shrine in the city. The history of this building awes even the most experienced traveler, while the fact that it attracted 2500 visitors during the summer months should have a significance all its own to the business man.

The best idea of the importance of this building is gained by comparing it with other historical structures better known. It antedates Independence Hall in Philadelphia by eight years, and Faneuil Hall in Boston, known as the Cradle of Liberty, was not erected until thirty-seven years after Chester's famous building.

A bronze tablet placed on the front of the building by the Delaware County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution tells the story of the old building in a few words:

"This building was erected in 1724 during the reign of George I of England. It was the Court House of Chester County, 1724-1786; the Court House of Delaware County, 1789-1851; the hall of Chester Borough, 1851-1866, and the hall of Chester City since 1866. In 1739 England declared war against Spain and soldiers were enlisted here for the expedition to Cuba. Here Anthony Wayne rallied and drilled his troops in January, 1776. In 1824 Lafayette, as guest of the Nation, was entertained in the building."

Since the erection of this tablet in 1903, the new City Hall has been built, and the old building, now known as the Old Court House, although it served both as a city hall and court house, serves as a historical shrine and a meeting place for certain civic organizations. The second floor of the building contains an unusual collection of old Colonial objects.

The building was restored in 1920 by William C. Sproul to its present condition, which is identical with its original style of construction in 1724.

The City's History

Pennsylvania is known as the Keystone State. If this name is appropriate, then the Chester district may be called the key to the Keystone State. It was in this territory, which now comprises Delaware County, that the early history of Pennsylvania was enacted from 1642 to the coming of William Penn in 1682.

Chester's earliest settlement was by the Swedes in 1642; in 1655 Peter Stuyvesant, the Dutch Governor of New Amsterdam, invaded the Swedish territory and conquered it. Great Britain had, however, never recognized the claims of either the Swedes or the Dutch settlers, and in 1664 the British fleet entered the Bay of New York and the Dutch authority over that territory, as well as this along the Delaware River, ceased.

What is now the City of Chester was known as Upland before the arrival of Penn in 1682. In December of that year he convened at Chester the first Assembly that ever gave laws to the Province. The building in which meetings of this first Assembly were held stood on the west side of Edgmont avenue near Second street. It was here that the first courts of the Province were established, and it was here that Penn fully intended to establish his capital. Circumstances, however, changed the order of things, and in 1683 he selected Philadelphia as his capital city.

In October, 1701, Penn granted a charter to Chester as a borough and also "ordained and appointed all his courts of judicature for the affairs of the County to be held and kept there, and the County gaol and prison to be and remain there forever." From that time, 1701, until 1851, a period of 150 years, Chester was the county seat.

(A brief historical account of Chester's city government, as well as this county's judicial history, may be found in other parts of this edition.)

Chester's Part in Three Wars

Chester has played a prominent part in all the wars of this Nation. During the Revolution, the general hospital for the wounded and sick soldiers of Pennsylvania was located here. In 1776 Anthony Wayne mustered the Fourth Battalion of the Pennsylvania Line, while among the men recruited in Delaware County were some to whom fell the proud distinction of firing the first volley of the War of Independence.

Through Chester on Sunday, August 24, 1777, the American Army marched southward to meet Howe, and eighteen days later the same army, defeated that day at Brandywine, came straggling almost to midnight through the city's streets.

Chester after the fall of Philadelphia was the port at which British men-of-war, transports and supply vessels lay.

Civil War

During the Civil War, when the entire population of Delaware County did not exceed 30,000, over 2000 men entered the military service in defense of the Nation. The buildings now occupied by the Crozer Theological Seminary were then used as a hospital in which both Union and Confederate wounded men were cared for. They were brought to Chester by boat and taken in wagons through the heart of the city to the hospital.

Wilde Post, No. 25, Grand Army of the Republic, was the first organization of ex-soldiers in the State.

In the Spanish-American War, Companies B and C, Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, were organized in Chester, while during the War of 1812, 10,000 troops encamped at Marcus Hook for nearly three months.

World War

Chester played a prominent part in the World War as an industrial centre as well as sending its quota of enlisted men. The manufacture of arms at the Remington Arms plant in Eddystone, the increased activity of the shipyards, where tens of thousands of men worked day and night, and the equally increased activity of other industries caused the city's population to grow from 50,000 to 80,000 almost overnight.

From the Chester district there went forth to aid the cause of America 2,200,000 rifles, 22 large naval guns, 5500 engines, locomotives, ships and a large amount of supplies for the Allied nations.

CHESTER'S LIBERTY BELL—This priceless relic was rung when the proclamation announcing the adoption of the Declaration of Independence was read in Chester July 8, 1776

CHESTER VIEWED FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 5000 FEET, SHOWING THE CITY

A section of Chester north of Ninth street and east of Chester River, showing the two great trunk lines of railway—the Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania. There's a wealth of detail in this photograph that may be studied by him or her who knows his or her Chester. To the left of the centre of the picture may be seen the reconstruction of the athletic grounds and new stadium of the Pennsylvania Military College. Beyond this, a little to the right, is the new concrete highway connecting Chester and Philadelphia, and just to the right are the massive buildings of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. The stream in the upper right-hand corner is Darby River, which flows into the Delaware River below the Philadelphia and Corinthian Yacht Clubs

Photo by Victor Dallin

An aerial view showing a portion of Chester between Twelfth street and the river. In the immediate foreground to the right may be seen the Deshong Memorial Park and Classic Art Gallery; the Masonic Temple and the Knights of Columbus Building at the intersection of Welsh and Broad streets. Chester River skirts the grounds of Deshong Park and wends its way through the city to the Delaware. Note the shipping interests at the wharves and docks

Photo by Victor Dallin

AND RIVERFRONT, WITH DELAWARE COUNTY IN THE BACKGROUND

This aerial view shows the mouth of Chester River as it empties into the Delaware. It is an intimate picture of the business section of the city, clearly defining Edgmont avenue and Market street, two of Chester's most prominent business thoroughfares. It also clearly depicts the waterfront from the plant of the Chester Materials Company on the left to that of the Scott Paper Company on the right, as well as the residential section to the north and Chester Park beyond

Photo by Victor Dallin

Another aerial view of Chester, taken from a point over Eddystone Borough, showing Ridley River entering the Delaware at the plant of the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, and riverfront industries as far south as the plant of the Federal Steel Casting Company. The elevated lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad may be seen traversing Chester and the main streets running parallel with the river. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks, which run through the city at Twelfth street, may be seen at the extreme right of the picture

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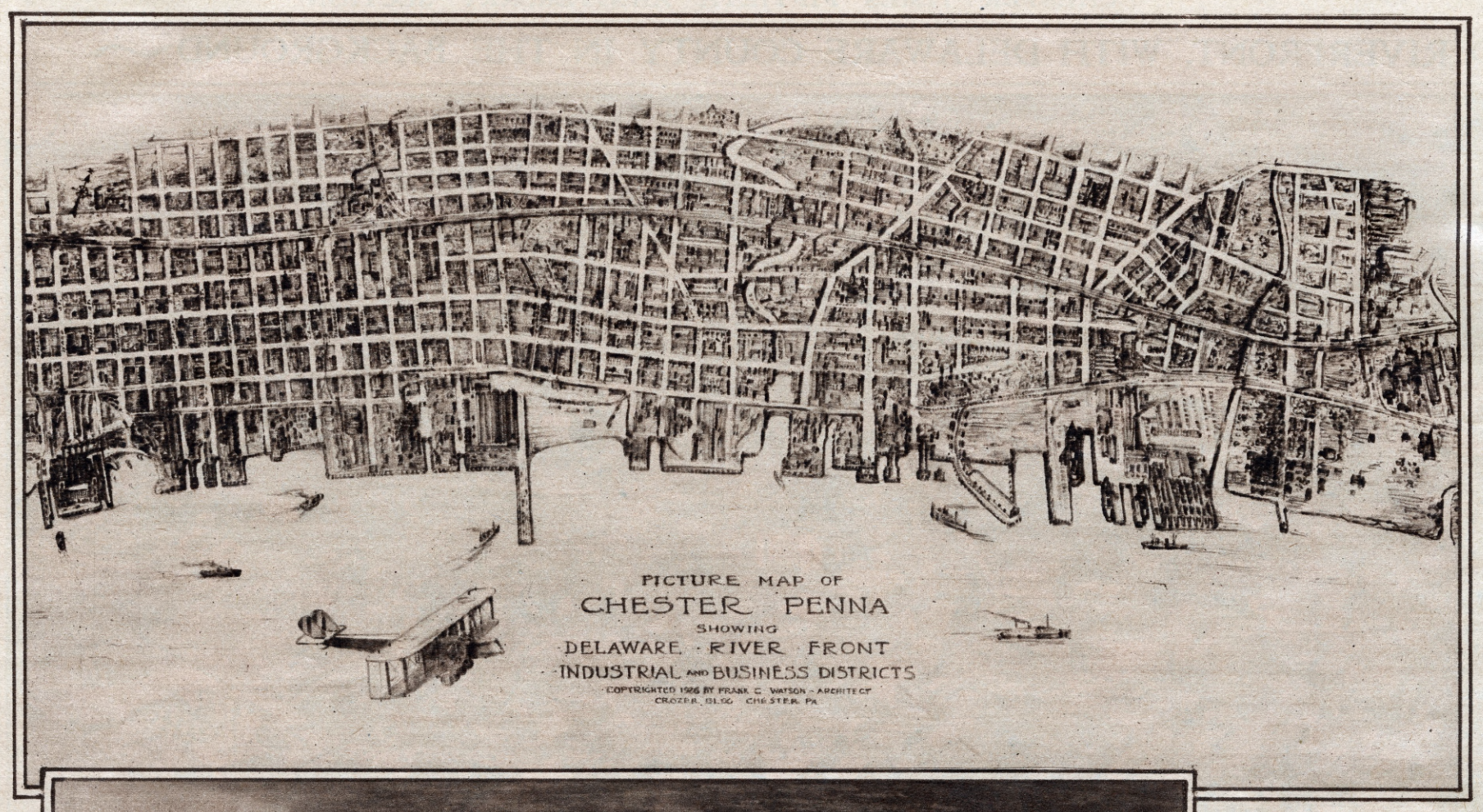


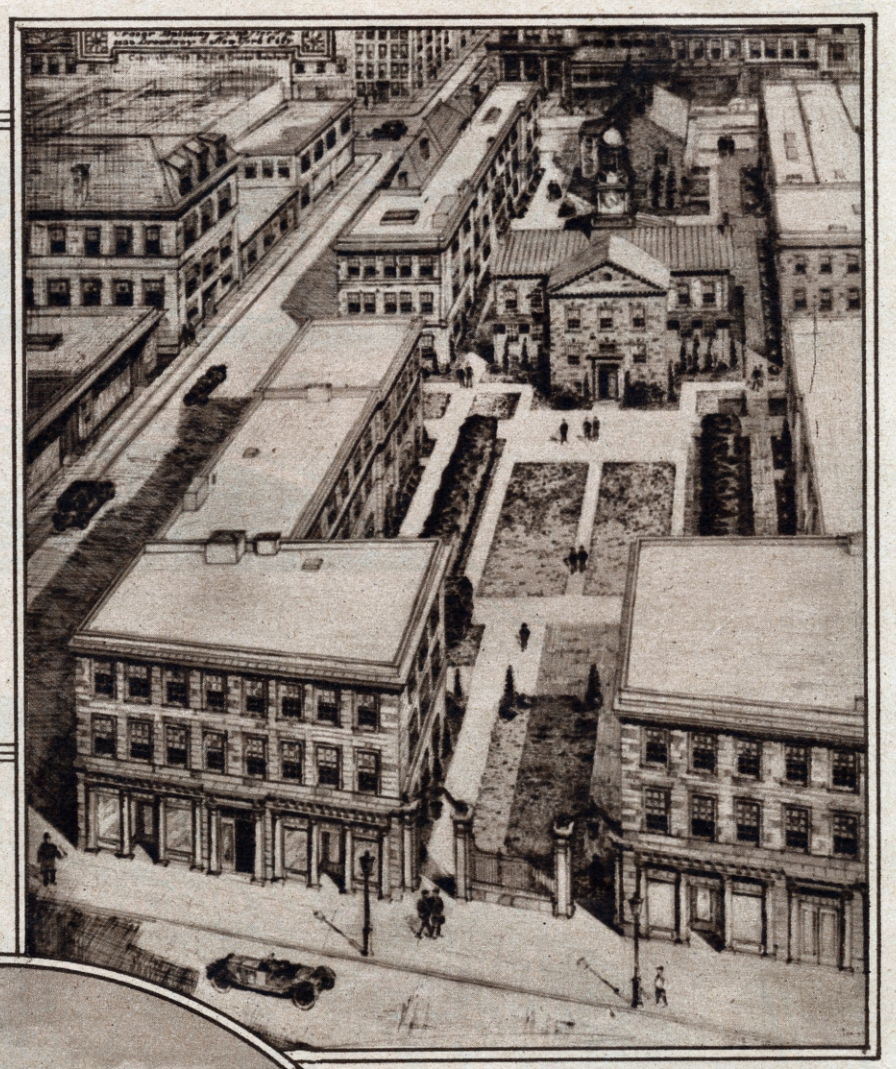
An aerial view of Marcus Hook, on the Delaware River just at the southern edge of Chester, showing the several big oil refining plants which are in constant operation. Oil is brought here by pipe lines, tank cars and steamships from Western Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Texas and other oil fields. In the centre of the picture, a trifle to the right, is the plant of the Viscose Company, manufacturers of artificial silk—a large plant employing nearly 4000 hands. A model village houses some of the employes, but the majority live in Chester. To the south lies the State of Delaware

Photo by Victor Dallin

Close-up aerial view of part of Chester's renowned waterfront from the Ford Motor Company's new development on the extreme left to a point just above the Municipal Pier at the foot of Market street. This view is taken from a point over the Delaware River overlooking the boundaries of Chester to the north, northwest and northeast. Media, the county seat of Delaware County, is about five miles to the northwest *Photo by Victor Dallin*

Chester—A Borough In 1701—Is Now Governed Under Commission Plan

CHESTER'S CIVIC CENTRE—Looking from Market street toward Edgmont avenue. The fore part of this plan was completed several years ago



CIVIC CENTRE FROM EDGMONT AVENUE—The Edgmont avenue side of the Civic Centre. During 1926 work has been started on the proposed park

STODDARD P. GRAY, M.D.—Department of Accounts and Finance

CITY HALL—The chief unit of Chester's Civic Centre. Built to harmonize with the Old Court House

WILLIAM M. POWEL—Department of Public Safety

GEORGE J. HUNTER—Department of Streets and Public Improvements

SAMUEL E. TURNER—Mayor

WALTER H. CRAIG—Department of Parks and Property

SINCE Chester boasts of the oldest municipal building still standing in the United States, it is only natural that the municipal history of the city should be a long and interesting one. To most people this old City Hall is known as the Old Court House, erected in 1724. It was as a court house that the building first served. Today the present Municipal Building, or City Hall, stands just behind the building erected in 1724 and helps create one of the most attractive civic centres in Pennsylvania.

Chester's present form of government is known as the commission plan and was adopted in 1913, just after it had been provided for by an act of the State Legislature. It consists of five departments headed by four Councilmen, or Commissioners, and the Mayor. The Mayor's department is that of public affairs, while the other four departments are: Accounts and finances, public safety, public improvements, and parks and property. The Councilmen and Mayor are elected for a period of four years. The Mayor's salary is $3500, while that of the Councilmen is $3000. Council meets every Tuesday afternoon.

The first important point in Chester's municipal history was the granting of a borough charter to the present city by William Penn on October 30, 1701. In the charter Penn provided for town meetings patterned after the New England plan.

Under this borough charter Chester was governed for 165 years, until it was incorporated as a city in 1866. The next date pointing to a change is that of 1889, when the provisions of the act of that year relating to cities of the third class were accepted. This new order provided for a change from one to two branches of Council, and required all ordinances to pass three readings in each branch. Under this system, one Select Councilman was chosen from each of the eleven wards of the city for the Select Council, while the Common Council consisted of two men from each ward of the city. For some time this form of government was satisfactory, and the people were pleased to know that no legislation could be passed hurriedly. But as the city grew larger, the two branches of Councils became cumbersome, and the commission form, which now prevails, was adopted in 1913.

Having returned to the present, it is pleasing to note that Chester's per capita cost of city government is the lowest of any third-class city in the State. For 1925 the cost was $17.94 per person; the other two cities with next lowest costs were York, with $19.01, and Lancaster, with $19.34.

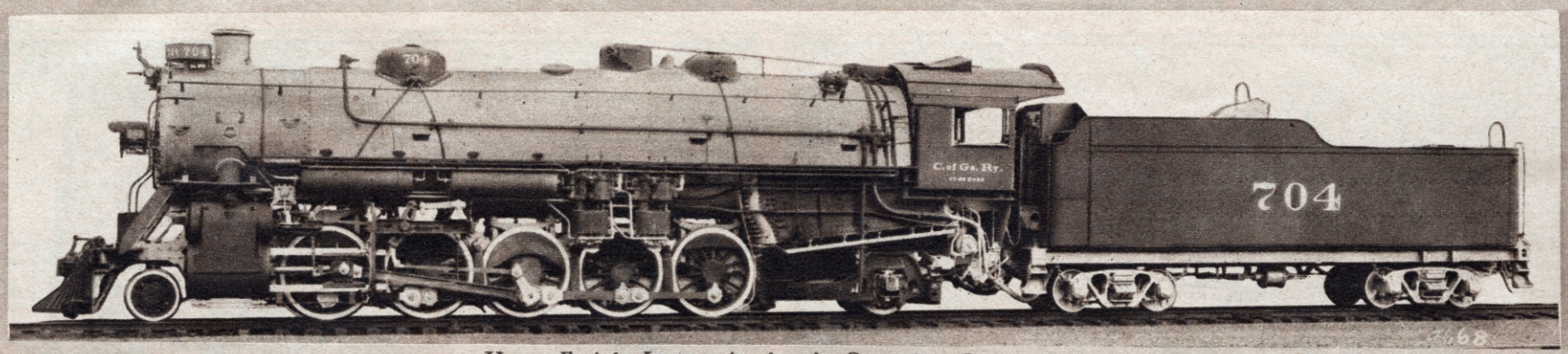
The city's budget for 1926 is as follows:

Department of Public Affairs	$148,218.44
Department of Accounts and Finance	268,961.13
Department of Public Safety	89,673.00
Department of Streets and Public Improvements	124,435.00
Department of Parks and Public Property	84,000.00
Total	$715,287.57

Estimated receipts for 1926 are:

Cash on hand		$1,000.00
Current taxes, $65,316,956 @ 9 mills	$587,852.60	
Less reserve for reservations, rebates, etc.....	40,000.00	
		547,852.60
Other miscellaneous sources		169,700.00
Total		$717,652.60

Appropriations to the sinking fund through the finance department this year amounted to $79,744.02 to meet installments for the redemption of bonds and $82,745.71 to meet the annual interest on the bonded debt.



Heavy Freight Locomotive for the Central of Georgia Ry.

BALDWIN

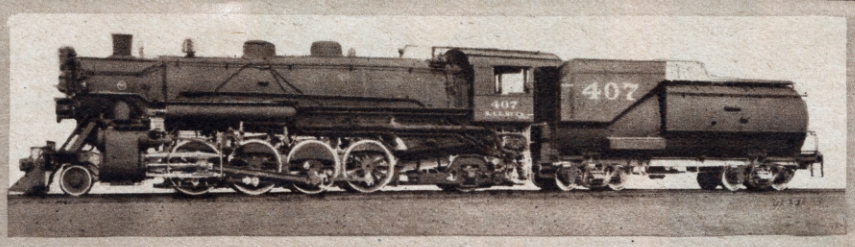
The Baldwin Locomotive Works was founded in 1831, and has built 60,000 locomotives up to the present time. These represent all types and sizes; and Baldwin locomotives have been shipped to practically every country in the world where railways are in operation.

The plant at Eddystone, Penna., is being steadily enlarged, and represents the most modern and complete manufacturing and shipping facilities. Its development means much for the commercial prestige of Chester and vicinity.

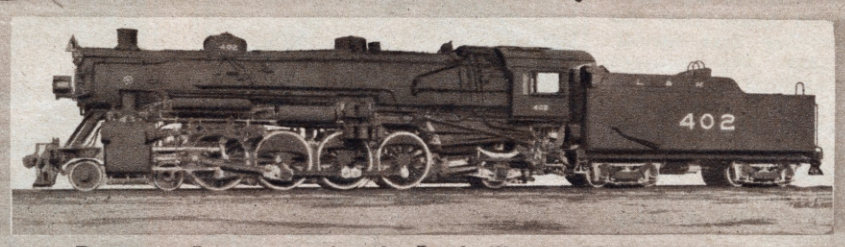
The name "Baldwin" on a locomotive is a guarantee of excellence.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works

Philadelphia and Eddystone



Freight Locomotive for the Seaboard Air Line Ry.



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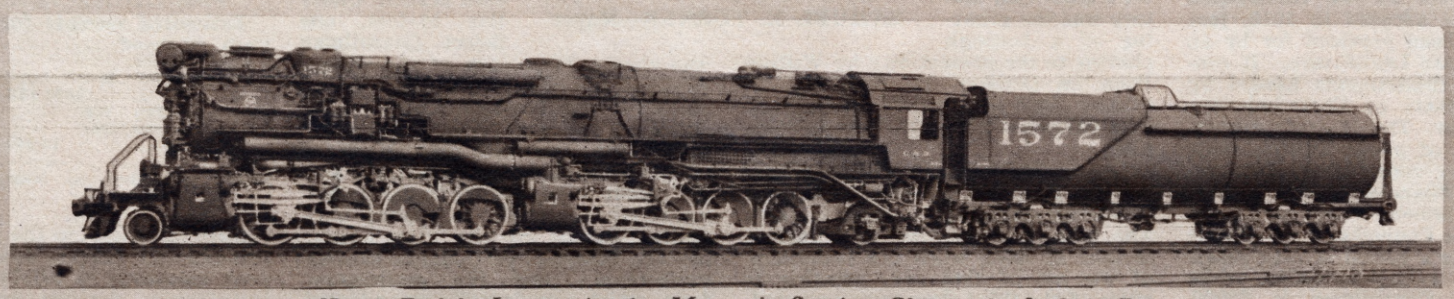
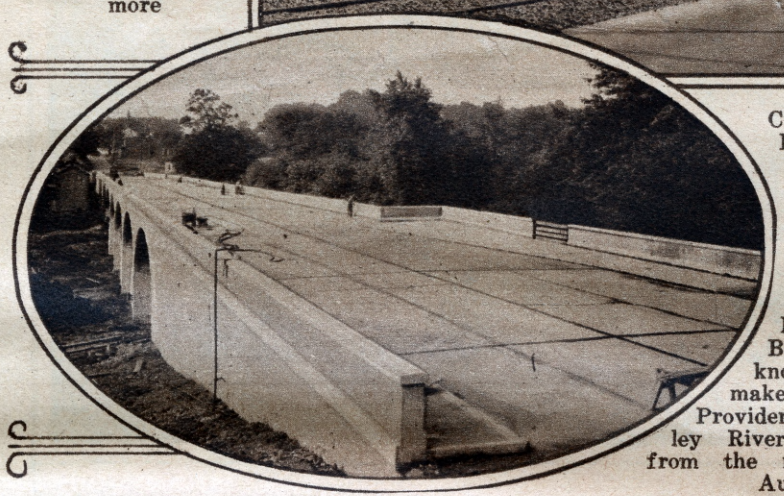


Heavy Freight Locomotive for Mountain Service, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Delaware County's Splendid New Roads and Bridges

SPROUL VIADUCT
Erected in 1922 and 1923 to eliminate a dangerous hill on one of the main highways connecting Chester and Philadelphia through Swarthmore

DELAWARE COUNTY MEMORIAL BRIDGE
Dedicated to the World War veterans of the county. Architect, Clarence W. Brazer



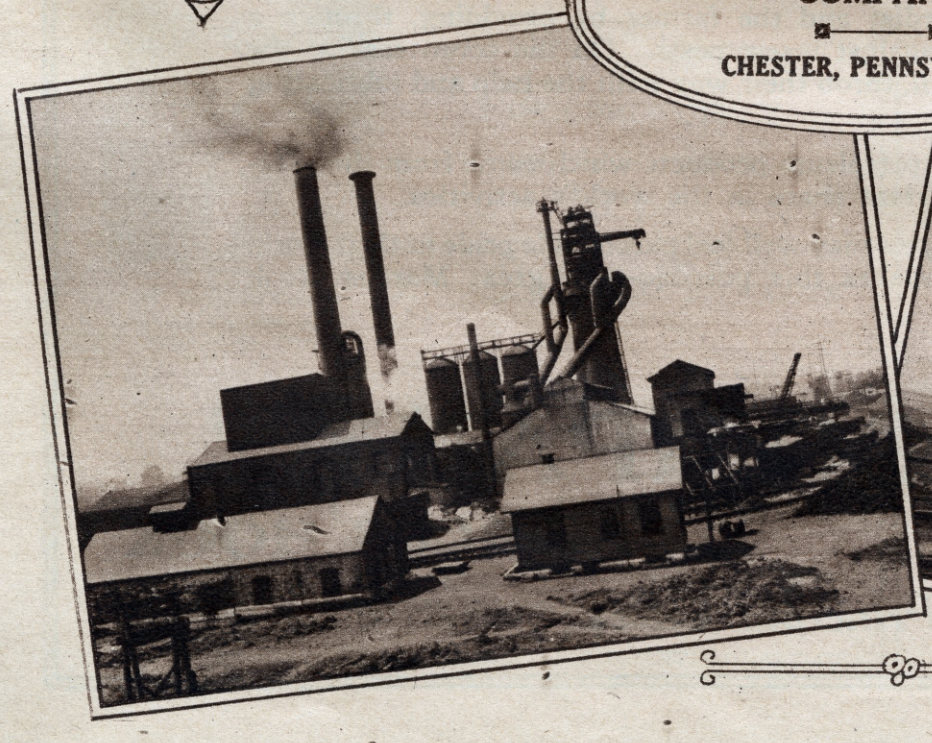
CHESTER PIKE—Delaware County's new million-dollar highway connecting Chester and Philadelphia

THE NEW GOVERNOR PRINTZ BRIDGE — Formerly known as the Shoemakerville Bridge, on Providence road across Ridley River, entering Chester from the north. Completed August, 1926

ACROSS THE NEW MEMORIAL BRIDGE
The newly paved Baltimore Pike may be seen on the hill in the distance

DELAWARE RIVER STEEL COMPANY

CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA



An aeroplane photograph of the Marcus Hook refinery of the Sun Oil Company, with an area of 230 acres.

BY TANK steamer and pipe line, crude petroleum in a never-ending stream comes to the Marcus Hook refinery of the Sun Oil Company.

Here in this great plant our skilled workers with the help of modern equipment transform this crude oil into the useful products of commerce.

Crude petroleum becomes gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil, lubricating oils and a host of other commodities. And here the oils and lubricants, after the refining process, are prepared for shipment, and are started on their journeys to serve industry.

By train, tanker and freighter they are sent. To all parts of the United States, to Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe, Japan, China, India, Ceylon and other foreign countries these products of the Chester territory go forth to perform their services for mankind.

In hundreds of towns, at thousands of dealers, Sunoco gas and oil signs proclaim the widespread use of these important motoring necessities. In the machine shops and factories of the land—yes, and beyond it—Sun industrial oils and greases are used in huge quantities. Sun oils are serving the orchardist and the farmer by providing, through a special product, tree and plant protection against insect pests. On the seven seas of the world, the engines of ships, large and small, throb their way with the help and lubricating protection of Sun marine oils.

In these and in many other ways, the petroleum products which come from the Marcus Hook refinery are assuming their important share in the world's activities.

The Sun Oil Company and its employees may well feel pardonable pride in their work, their products, and the institution which makes this possible—the great Marcus Hook refinery.

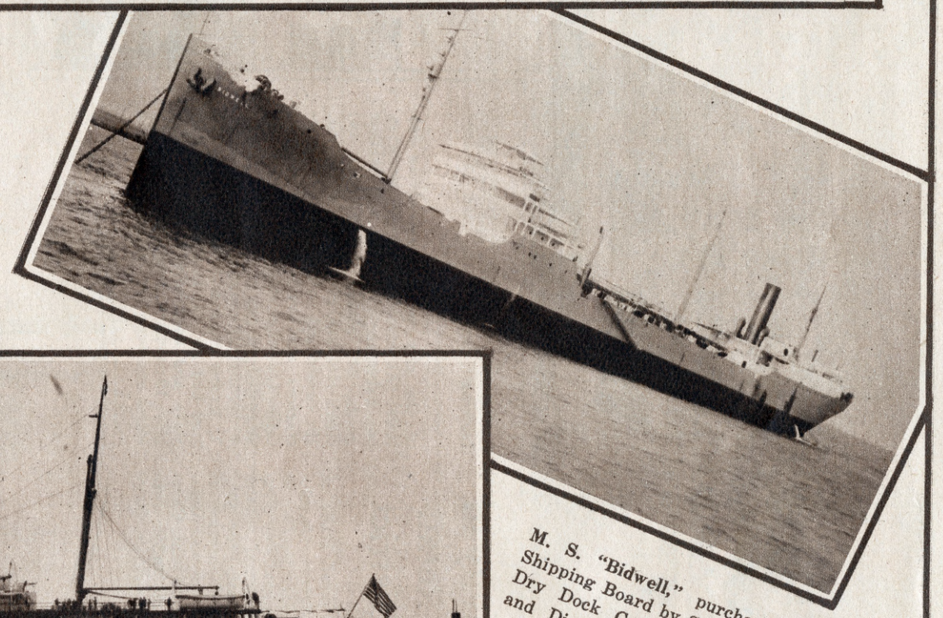
SUN OIL COMPANY

PHILADELPHIA **MARCUS HOOK**

Branches in Principal Cities

Office and Plant of the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Chester, Pa., U. S. A.

M. S. "East Indian," reconditioned and Diesel engines installed for the Ford Motor Company at the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company



M. S. "Bidwell," purchased from the Shipping Board by Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company and reconditioned and Diesel engines installed. Sold to Sun Oil Company

S. S. "H. F. Alexander," belonging to the Admiral Line, large passenger liner reconditioned by Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. This vessel has been in operation during the past winter between New York and Miami and is the fastest passenger ship running between these two points

CHESTER BUSINESS SECTION—Looking north from the Crozer Building

Great Activity in Chester's Retail Business District

AN INCREASE in retail trade of 30.5 per cent—from $26,783,250 in 1922 to $34,964,420 in 1923, the latest figures available from the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania—indicates the proportion and the rate of increase of retail business in Chester and Delaware County. Of this amount, Chester and its nearby communities represent the greater part by a large margin.

NORTH ON EDGMONT AVENUE—Photograph taken from the Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge at Sixth street

LOOKING NORTH ON MARKET STREET BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH STREETS — On the right-hand side of the street may be seen the Washington House. Built in 1747

Since the city's earliest days, Chester's industries have insured the prosperity and growth of a large retail business district. Today the size of these industries, their permanency and prosperity form the very foundation of the city's commercial life and insure the stability of continued prosperity.

In the latest industrial survey of Chester and Delaware County made by the State Department of Internal Affairs in 1925, the 229 industries are accredited with employing 26,597 male and female wage-earners.

Salaried men and women in these industries number 3369 and receive an annual wage of $8,178,400. The total amount paid in wages and salaries to male and female workers is listed by the State authorities as $44,791,700. These figures are important in showing the amount of money in circulation annually by a simple classification of the working people of the city and county.

Authentic statistics for 1925 credit the City of Chester with 1038 retail distributors and forty-two wholesale distributors. These figures are based on Chester's estimated population of 68,067 in 1925.

Today Chester's population, according to the estimate of the United States Census Bureau, is 70,400. The mercantile appraiser's list for 1926 contains the names of 1146 retail and wholesale distributors.

In 1925 the 1038 retail distributors of the city were classified as follows: Automobiles, 16; accessories, 54; bakeries, 27; shoes and leather goods, 34; cigars and tobacco, 44; men's clothing, 37; women's clothing, 19; candy and soft drinks, 160; contractors' and builders' materials (retail) 7, (wholesale) 5; department stores, 7; druggists, 42; dry goods, 40; electrical supplies and appliances, 7; groceries, meats and foods, 367; fuel and ice, 16; furniture, 30; hardware and household goods, 41; jewelry, 19; musical instruments, 7; novelties and toys, 7; plumbers, 23; produce, 16; stationery and office supplies, 10.

Estimates for 1925 show that there are 14,377 families in Chester. Since the annual expenditure of the average American family in the Chester district, according to the report of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, is approximately $1469.40, the annual expenditure of the people of Chester would be $21,123,563. This figure is low because of the increase in prices since the statistics were compiled by the Bureau of Labor.

Bank clearings for Chester in 1925 amounted to $77,529,200. Total bank deposits as listed in the most recent statements of the seven banks and trust companies are $26,972,338. Savings funds amount to $13,392,309.

Building and loan association figures are obtainable only for the entire county as well as Chester and show that there are more than 100 associations with assets of $30,700,000. During the past year the associations helped build 3000 homes.

But the growth of Chester's retail district during the past year has been evident to the most casual observer. A new quarter-million-dollar furniture store has been opened, several new women's-wear stores have made their appearance, and an addition or two has been made to nearly every classification of business.

However, this growth and evidence of Chester's fertility as a retail field have not been as noticeable in the establishing of new businesses as in the improvement of old ones and the remodeling of store buildings of long-established firms. On Market street alone no fewer than a dozen stores have increased their attractiveness and capacity by adding new store fronts, so that the resident of Chester a few years ago would today scarcely know the main street of his city.

INTERSECTION OF SEVENTH STREET AND EDGMONT AVENUE Looking south

CHESTER BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION—Just before starting on an expedition to Philadelphia and the Sesqui-Centennial, 1926

For the promotion of business, the city has an active Business Men's Association, a Chamber of Commerce, a Board of Trade, Real Estate Board, Credit Association and several other organizations fostering different kinds of commercial activity.

Metal Industry in Chester and County

IN THE field of industry Chester was first sought out by the textile manufacturers. About 1850 the needs of these factories for machinery and supplies caused the establishment of several small iron foundries. Since that time Chester has steadily grown as a centre for the manufacture of metal and metal products.

The first of the large iron and steel industries was established about 1870 and included the Chester Steel Castings Company, Eureka Steel Castings Company, Robert Wetherill & Co. and the Standard Steel Castings Company. These were followed by the National Tube Company and the South Chester Tube Company. The Standard Company has been absorbed by the American Steel Castings Company. The Eureka and the National Tube Company have also disappeared, and in their places are the Seaboard Works of the American Locomotive Company and the Penn Steel Castings Company.

Prior to the Civil War, Wilson & Morris operated a shipyard on the site of what is now the Ford plant for the building of small wooden ships and canal boats. This firm was succeeded by Reany Son & Archibald, who in turn were followed by the John Roach Shipbuilding Company. Samuel Stephenson also had a small shipyard west of Chester River.

Statistics for 1925 given by the Department of Internal Affairs credits Chester and Delaware County with fifty metal and metal products establishments. In 1925 these establishments employed 8364 wage-earners, receiving wages of $12,112,300. These industries further employed 1663 salaried employes, who receive $3,542,000 annually. Capital invested in the metal industry amounts to $46,361,700; the value of products for 1925 was $42,178,100, and by-products, $88,800.

During the past year the Ford plant involved an additional investment of about $4,000,000; the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company has invested an additional $250,000. Other investments will total at least $5,000,000.

The Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company is now busy with its one hundredth ship. In addition to the building of ships, the two drydocks of the company are in almost continual use for ship-repair work.

The company was founded by J. N. Pew, Jr., and J. Howard Pew. The first president was J. N. Pew, Jr. John G. Pew is now president. Title to the major portion of the company's property was acquired in 1916.

The yard has eight ways for the building of ships and two drydocks. The original investment in the company's improvements is $9,800,000.

Another great nationally known industry of the Chester district is the Baldwin Locomotive Works. The company today has completed 60,000 locomotives, which are used in every country in the world where railroads have been introduced.

The plant at Chester is located on a tract of about 600 acres and was established in 1906. The plant in Philadelphia, where the company first started, is being moved to Chester as rapidly as possible.

Atlantic Steel Castings was organized in 1915 and now is one of the most progressive of the city's industrial plants. The company specializes in small castings of about fifty or sixty pounds and has a monthly output of 600 tons. Two hundred and fifty men are employed, and the plant covers six acres of ground at Sixth and Lloyd streets.

The Delaware River Steel Company has been carrying on the manufacture of pig iron since 1909. The output of the plant, which is located on the riverfront at Wilson street, is about 10,000 tons per month. During the past year a new wharf has been built and other improvements made representing an expenditure of about a quarter million dollars.

The South Chester Tube Company, at Second and Thurlow streets, Chester, has an annual output of about 65,000 tons of pipe a year. Most of the company's product is used in the drilling of deep oil wells. The com-

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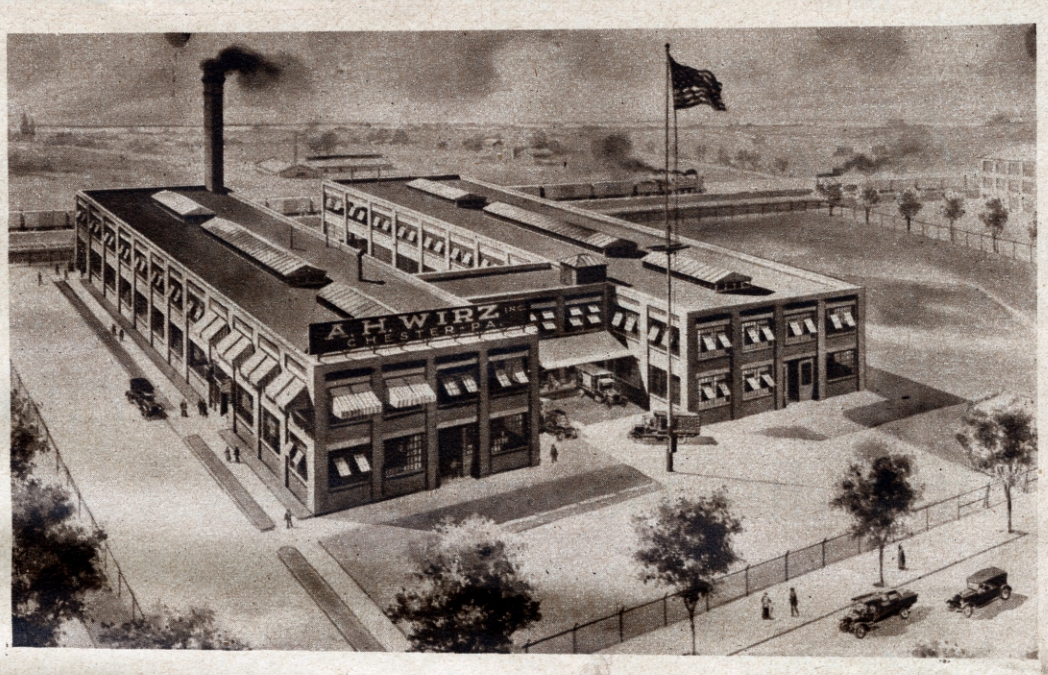

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Chester, Pa.

The Growth of Chester and Delaware County Over the Past Fifty Years

Facts about Chester—Area, 3005 acres—Only city in Delaware County—117th city in population in the United States.

Facts about Delaware County—Area, 185 square miles—Composed of one city, 21 townships and 25 boroughs—Fourth largest county in population in Pennsylvania.

	1876	1900	1926
Population	6,000	30,000	70,400
Population (County)	35,000	94,762	200,000
Homes	2,003	6,543	12,779
Retail and Wholesale Business Houses	234	493	1,147
Assessed Value of Real Estate	No records	$14,926,494	$66,068,505
Assessed Value of Real Estate (Co.)	No records	.....	$202,707,411
Bank and Trust Companies	2	4	7
Bank Clearings	No records	$16,025,205	$77,529,200
Building and Loan Associations (Co.)	12	26	100
B. & L. Assets (County)	*	$2,483,052	$30,700,000
Miles of Paved Street	.....	.....	59¾
Children Attending Public Schools	1,593	.....	10,000
Churches	.....	.....	48
Theatres	.....	3	9
Number of Industries (County)	86	117	229
Value Manufactured Products (Co.)	.....	.....	$196,779,800
Number Ships Entering Port of Chester	No records	71	180
Duties on Ships	No records	$32,018.80	$349,376.99

* Less than $1,000,000.

Items refer to City of Chester unless otherwise indicated.

Metal Industry

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pany is twenty-eight years old and did $5,000,000 worth of business last year.

The A. H. Wirz Company had its origin in 1836, when the manufacture of toys and small metal specialties was begun. Today the company employs 250 persons in the manufacture of metal tubes used as containers for tooth paste, shaving cream, etc.

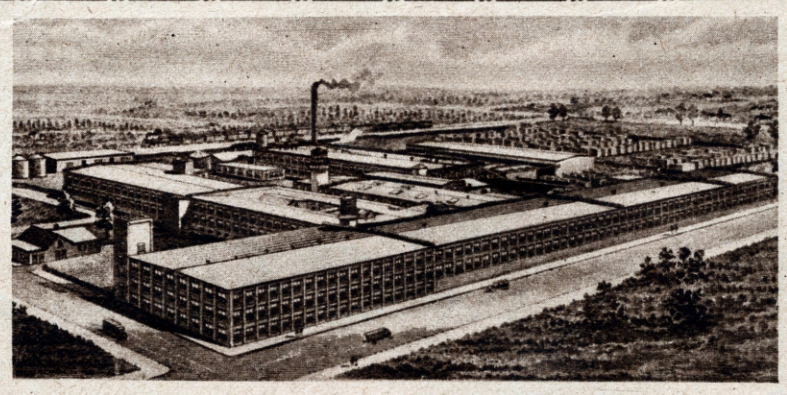
The Eagan-Johnson Company, at Crum Lynne, established in 1912, employs about 300 men and manufactures castings and steel machine parts valued at $1,500,000 annually.

The Crown Smelting Company manufactures bronze and brass castings used principally for marine work. Last year's output was valued at about half a million dollars. The buildings of the company cover about 25,000 square feet, and thirty men are employed throughout the year.

Axles, drive shafts and pinion shafts for all makes of cars and trucks are manufactured at the Chester Auto Parts and Manufacturing Company, Crum Lynne. The investment in the company is about $150,000, while the monthly output in dollars and cents is about $12,000. Fifty per cent of the output is shipped abroad for repairs to be made on American cars. J. E. Brandt is president of the firm.

James Fryer & Sons is engaged in sheet metal work and the installation of stoves and hot-air units. The business was established by James Fryer, father of the present owner, and the present building of the company has been occupied since 1879.

The machine shop of Ernest Uff, located at Fifth and Upland streets, was started in 1914 by Mr. Uff, the present owner. Eight to ten men are constantly employed with machine and boiler repair work.



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THE EDDYSTONE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Bleachers, Dyers, Printers and Finishers of Fine Fabrics

EDDYSTONE, PENNA.

THE Eddystone Manufacturing Company was formed in 1877 as a Limited Corporation under the laws of Pennsylvania, and was incorporated in that State in 1895.

The business was founded by William Simpson in 1836, at the Falls of the Schuylkill, Philadelphia. The property was condemned by the Fairmount Park Commission in 1869, and is now part of that famous park; in consequence, the business was moved to its present location, at Eddystone, Delaware County, Pa.

The plant is located on a tract of about one hundred acres, on the Delaware River, with a large river frontage and a private wharf running out to the main channel. It has connections with both the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Philadelphia and Reading Railway.

A large filter, installed in recent years, gives unlimited supply of clear river water.

There are nineteen printing machines, which are exclusively devoted to the production of cloths for the textile converting trade.

The purchase of the controlling interest in this Company by Joseph Bancroft & Sons Company, Wilmington, Del., has made it one of the component parts of one of the best known organizations in the finishing industry, and with a personnel of about six hundred and fifty employees, the Eddystone Manufacturing Company has given continuous employment to the families of Chester and vicinity through several generations—a period of fifty-seven years.

JOHN MACADAM, President

JOSEPH BANCROFT, Vice President and Treasurer

WM. T. QUILLEN, Vice President and Manager

JOHN BANCROFT, JR., Secretary

"New!..."

My dear, this dress has been washed—five or six times"

As dainty and colorful as Aberfoyle Rayons are—they can always be put right in the regular wash. Laundering destroys none of their sheen and beauty. It simply enhances their freshness.

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To be sure before you buy, look for the Aberfoyle name and guarantee. You will find them on the ends of the boards that carry the material. Aberfoyle fabrics, the products of the Aberfoyle Mfg. Co., are sold by better-class retailers and department stores everywhere.

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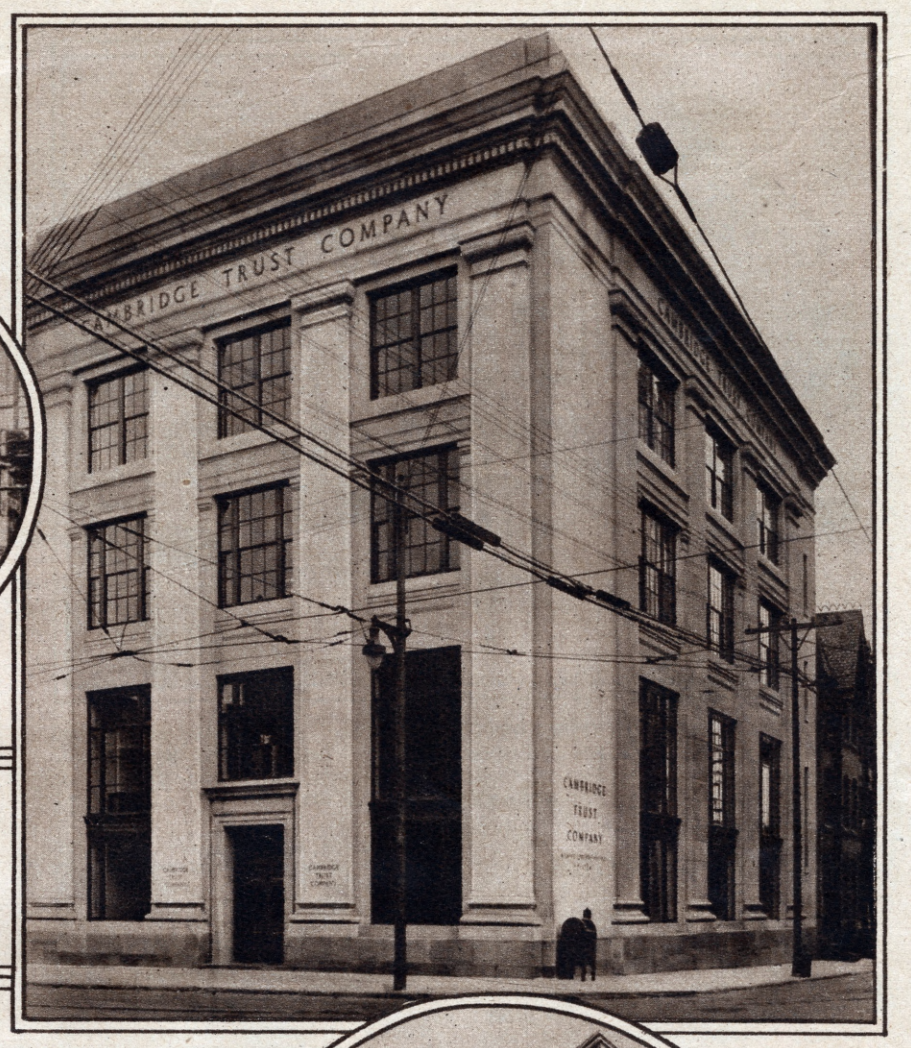
The Development of Two of Chester's Busiest Corners

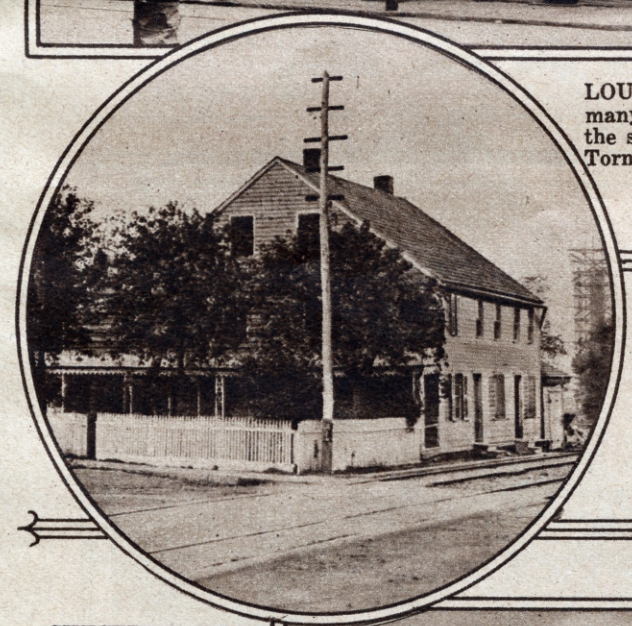
NORTHEAST CORNER OF FIFTH AND MARKET STREETS — At this corner the Columbia Hotel stood from 1736 until 1883. Said to be the place where General Lafayette had his wounds dressed after the Battle of Brandywine

THE SAME CORNER — After the Cambridge Hotel had been erected in 1883



THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FIFTH AND MARKET STREETS AS IT APPEARS TODAY—The Cambridge Trust Company Building, erected in 1923 after the Cambridge building had been torn down

LOUIS A. CLYDE'S LIQUOR HOUSE—For many years a familiar building which stood at the southeast corner of Fifth and Market streets. Torn down to make way for the erection of the Crozer Building



CHESTER'S FIRST RAILROAD PASSENGER STATION —This photograph was taken in 1865; house built in 1835. Location, west side of Edgmont avenue

THE CROZER BUILDING — One of Chester's leading office buildings, erected in 1917 on the site of the Louis A. Clyde liquor house

CHESTER'S SECOND RAILROAD STATION—Built on the opposite side of the tracks from the present station. Used until 1903, when the present station was erected

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD STATION IN CHESTER TODAY—Electrification of the system between Philadelphia and Wilmington through Chester is now under way

OHEV SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE CENTRE—Building to be erected at once on Eighth street between Welsh and Sproul streets. Total cost to be $150,000, which is available at this time through the generosity and public-spiritedness of the Jews and their friends of the city

Miscellaneous Industries

EVEN setting to one side such important classifications as the steel industry, textile industry and the building industry, Chester is the home of scores of industrial plants under a miscellaneous heading. The variety of Chester's industries is one of the features of the city.

Along the riverfront, for instance, are a dozen or more industries handling steel products, including ships, locomotives, structural steel and steel castings, while also included in the list is the largest plant of the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company, manufacturers of magnesite and chrome fire bricks; one of the largest paper-manufacturing plants of its kind in the world, a dyewood plant that for several generations has been an outstanding industry, and plants for the manufacture of gypsum products, iron pipe, gas, electricity, ice, building materials and many other less important products. Back from the riverfront are scores of other plants using wood, rubber, glass, clay, soaps and leather in the manufacture of their products. Following is a brief summary of the industries:

Chemicals and allied products—
- Number of establishments.....16
- Number of wage-earners.....2163
- Number of salaried men.....316
- Value of products.....$31,283,200
- Value of by-products.....$11,724,800

Clay, glass and stone products—
- Number of establishments.....12
- Number of wage-earners.....590
- Number of salaried employes.....75
- Value of products.....$4,696,300

Food and kindred products—
- Number of establishments.....38
- Number of wage-earners.....397
- Number of salaried employes.....79
- Value of products.....$3,940,600
- Value of by-products.....$334,400

Leather and rubber goods—
- Number of establishments.....5
- Number of wage-earners.....246
- Number of salaried employes.....79
- Value of products.....$771,200

Lumber, its remanufacture—
- Number of establishments.....21
- Number of wage-earners.....530
- Number of salaried employes.....61
- Value of products.....$2,787,600
- Value of by-products.....$1400

Paper printing industries—
- Number of establishments.....22
- Number of wage-earners.....580
- Number of salaried men.....258
- Value of products.....$4,367,300
- Value of by-products.....$71,900

Miscellaneous—
- Number of establishments.....23
- Number of wage-earners.....2780
- Number of salaried employes.....255
- Value of products.....$14,138,000
- Value of by-products.....$33,700

The plant of the Harbison-Walker Company, in Chester, is the largest manufacturing plant of refractory material in the world. The daily capacity is 45,000 bricks. Chrome ore and magnesite are brought to the plant here from Austria, Africa, India, Greece and Cuba, and forty-five vessels have already discharged cargoes at the wharf of the company in Chester this year.

The Scott Paper Company is Chester's largest manufacturer of nationally advertised products. ScotTissue and Thirsty Fiber towels are perhaps the two best-known products of the company. The plant was moved from Philadelphia to Chester on the riverfront at Market street in 1911 because of better transportation facilities.

The Chester Enameling Company is engaged in the manufacture of patent leather. The capacity of the plant is

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HUSTON MANUFACTURING CO.
CHESTER
PENNSYLVANIA

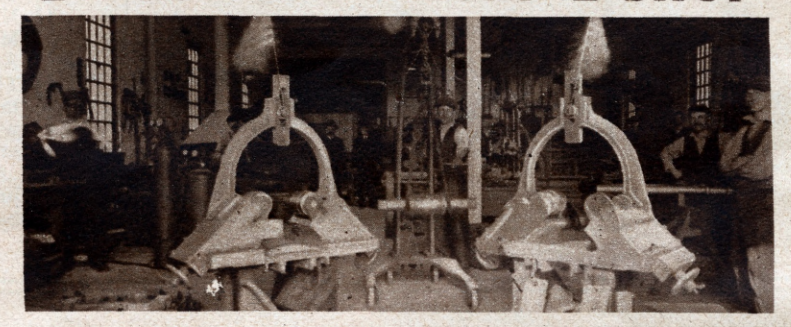
MANUFACTURERS OF FINE COMFORTS

CHESTER DAIRY SUPPLY CO.
9TH AND HYATT STREETS

Designers and Manufacturers of Machinery for Handling Milk and its Products

Workers in
COPPER, BRONZE, MONEL METAL
GERMAN SILVER, PURE NICKEL

ERNEST UFF MACHINE SHOP



TURNING OUT SPECIAL WORK FOR UNCLE SAM
5TH AND PUSEY STREETS, CHESTER, PA.

CHESTER PATTERN COMPANY
Fourth and Ward Streets
PHONE 703 : : *CHESTER, PA.*

SOUTH CHESTER TUBE COMPANY

Manufacturer for Over a Quarter of a Century of

Lap-Welded Gas, Steam and Water Pipe, Oil Country Casing,
Tubing and Drill Pipe, Line Pipe, Drive Pipe, Ammonia Pipe

VISCOSE COMPANY

Marcus Hook

Pennsylvania

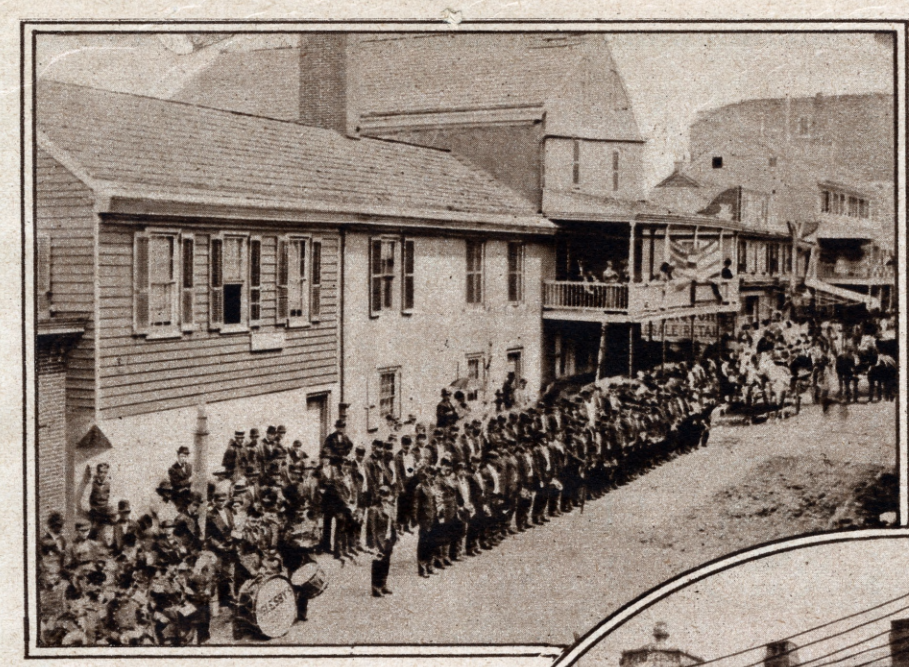
Manufacturers of Rayon Yarns

Chester Plant of the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company

HARBISON-WALKER REFRACTORIES COMPANY

High-Grade Fire Clay and Fire Clay Brick, Silica, Chrome and Magnesia Brick. Thermolith

Warehouse: Front and Welsh Sts., Chester, Pennsylvania



THE GRAND ARMY AND OGLESBY'S BAND—Celebration many years ago in front of the Columbia House, at Fifth and Market streets, where the Cambridge Trust Company now stands. On the other side of Fifth street may be seen the Washington House

Clearing House Started in 1894

CHESTER'S Clearing House Association became an active organization February 14, 1894. Prior to this date, however, exchanges had been made among the banks for several years.

The first president of the association was J. Howard Roop, who held office from 1894 until 1922. At the time of his resignation a new ruling was passed that presidents of the association should hold office for only one term and that they should be selected from the bank presidents of the city. The same rule was made to pertain to the managership.

The 1926 officers of the organization are Colonel James A. G. Campbell, president; James C. Baker, secretary, and Gerald H. Effing, manager.

The first annual report of the association showed that clearings from May 17, 1893, to March 31, 1894, amounted to $11,449,737.92. The daily average clearing for that period was $43,206.56.

To show the increased exchange of money in this city between the date of the founding of the association and the present time, it is only necessary to compare the clearings.

In 1894 the association consisted of four banks: Delaware County National, First National, Chester National and the Delaware County Trust Company. The present membership includes the seven banks and trust companies of the city.

Comparative Statement of Clearings

Clearings for the following years, to wit:

May 17, 1893, to Mar. 31, 1894	$11,449,737.92
March 31, 1895	13,346,516.30
March 31, 1896	13,219,271.40
March 31, 1897	11,730,797.93
March 31, 1898	12,625,795.64
March 31, 1899	13,170,078.22
March 31, 1900	16,025,205.53
March 31, 1901	16,649,564.11
March 31, 1902	17,154,744.25
March 31, 1903	19,697,474.27
March 31, 1904	24,172,267.60
March 31, 1905	22,004,026.64
March 31, 1906	25,345,472.79
March 31, 1907	27,106,142.73
March 31, 1908	26,650,544.69
March 31, 1909	23,490,694.12
March 31, 1910	26,701,663.22
March 31, 1911	28,820,581.33
March 31, 1912	28,678,696.45
March 31, 1913	32,992,195.71
March 31, 1914	36,296,464.64
March 31, 1915	34,661,107.41
March 31, 1916	46,380,419.37
March 31, 1917	64,682,048.29
March 31, 1918	68,888,146.14
March 31, 1919	82,909,892.75
March 31, 1920	76,377,694.28
December 31, 1920—9 mos.	59,225,582.28
December 31, 1921	53,191,491.73
December 31, 1922	54,730,121.00
December 31, 1923	60,490,953.49
December 31, 1924	66,680,312.22
December 31, 1925	77,529,200.00

AS IT LOOKS TODAY—Looking toward the south side of Fifth and Market streets

EARLY BANK BUILDING—Building on Market Square occupied by the Delaware County National Bank from 1815 to 1882

Banks and Trust Companies Indicate Stable Growth of The Chester District

ABOUT every town and city there are certain facts which may be quoted with pride by the home folks.

Lives there a man, woman or child in Chester with soul so dead that he has never told a visitor about the oldest municipal building in the United States located here?

And second only to our pride in the Old City Hall, or the Old Court House, as it is called by some, is our boast that "Not a single bank failure has occurred in Delaware County in the 111 years that banks have existed in this city and county."

These years of success for the financial institutions of Chester indicate more than intelligent leadership at the head of each institution; they indicate the accompanying prosperity of the surrounding territory, the thrift and industry of Chester's people, the commercial and industrial growth of the city.

From originally the financial foundation of an agricultural centre in accordance with the early settlement of nearly every community in the country, Chester's banks and trust companies today support and are supported by a great industrial area.

Not only have the financial houses of the city been ever ready to meet new and growing demands, but they have led the people in the ways of thrift and industry, continually fostering an educational program.

As is generally true of the banking profession, Chester's financial leaders have been the civic leaders of the city as well. Without exception they have been men to be introduced with pride to newcomers as representative of the business and civic interests of the city.

Banks have a classification all their own in the life of a community or city; they do not seem to fit in the grouping of business, industry or public utility. So we call them institutions, and, somehow, especially in Chester, where they enjoy such a splendid reputation, we think of them having a more educational than commercial aspect.

The Delaware County National Bank

The Delaware County National Bank was opened under the name of Bank of Delaware County, December 5, 1814, in a building now No. 23 West Third street. This temporary home was a remodeled first-floor retail store.

The permanent home on Market Square on the site of the present building was not completed until the following year, 1815. The new building, a brick structure, for years one of the finest examples of Colonial architecture in the city, was opened November 20, 1815.

The first president of the institution was John Newbold, who was elected in 1814 and resigned the following year.

Following the progress of the bank through the nineteenth century, through the panic and depression of 1837 and 1857, through the troublous era of the Civil War, the crash of 1873 and the gloomy days of the nineties, the significance of such a long existence is realized.

In 1864, after the National Banking Act had been passed, the institution became a national bank. Business progressed well after this. In 1882 the old building was demolished and the present one erected. The interior of the building was remodeled in 1918 and 1919.

Chester National Bank

The Chester National Bank was first organized about 1876 by Colonel Samuel A. Dyer and William Appleby as a private bank. In 1883 a charter was procured and a Board of Directors selected. Colonel Dyer was the first president of the new organization. The first Board of Directors consisted of Charles B. Houston, Hugh Shaw, Henry B. Black, William Appleby, George B. Lindsay, Jonathan Pennell, Robert Wetherill and J. Frank Black. Robert Wetherill and J. Frank Black are the only two members of the original board who are still living.

The first building occupied by the bank was situated on Third street, where business was carried on until 1899, when the present structure on Market street between Fifth and Sixth streets was erected.

Colonel Dyer, the first president, was succeeded by J. Frank Black, who is now chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Black went into office April 4, 1893, and was followed by the present president, Richard Wetherill, in 1918.

The Chester National Bank was the third banking institution organized in this city. It started with a capital of $100,000 and now has $300,000. The earned surplus is now $600,000. An addition to the building has just been completed and new fixtures and improvements installed.

Cambridge Trust Company

The meeting of stockholders for the preliminary organization of the Cambridge Trust Company was held September 9, 1901, and the name, Cambridge Trust Company, was decided upon.

At an election held September 9, 1901, the following men were elected to the Board of Directors, the first seven of whom are still alive: Robert Wetherill, H. H. Houston, William Provost, Jr., Richard Wetherill, James H. Garthwaite, Irwin D. Wood, Elwood Tyson, John A. Wallace, Jacob Craig, Jr., Garnett Pendleton, P. M. Washabaugh, John B. Roach, William S. Blakeley, W. Lane Verlenden and Henry B. Black.

The company opened for business November 18, 1901, with a capital stock of $500,000 and a paid-in capital of $125,000.

Garnett Pendleton was elected the first president and served in that capacity and as trust officer until his death, June 15, 1921. Joseph H. Hinkson was elected president to succeed Mr. Pendleton, and W. S. Blakeley, Jr., was elected trust officer. Douglas R. Faith was elected assistant treasurer in June, 1911, and in 1918 succeeded Mr. Dyer as secretary and treasurer.

Joseph H. Hinkson died suddenly February 14 of this year, and was succeeded as president by Mr. Faith.

The Pennsylvania National Bank

The Pennsylvania National Bank was organized by J. C. Taylor in 1903. It was opened for business February 24 of that year at 2215 West Third street. A few years later the bank was moved to its present location, 408 Market street, and housed in a building which had been suitably remodeled.

This building was further remodeled in 1917, and in 1923 the adjoining property at 406 Market street was acquired. This was torn down and a new building erected. Further enlargement has just been completed, following the acquiring of office space at 404 Market street.

The Pennsylvania National Bank has a downtown office at 2728 West Third street and also owns a property on the corner of Third street and Highland avenue which will be used as the site of a bank in the near future.

There has recently been organized by the stockholders of the bank the Pennsylvania Title Company, whose offices are in the new bank. The management of the two companies is identical.

COUNTY BANKS

First National Bank of Media

The First National Bank of Media was organized February 29, 1864, and began business in second-floor quarters at State and Olive streets. The institution removed to the present banking house location in 1871; the present building was erected in 1900.

Suburban Title and Trust Company

The Suburban Title and Trust Company was organized in September, 1921, and began business April 17, 1922, in the Sixty-ninth Street Theatre Building, Upper Darby.

Miscellaneous Industries

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2000 cow sides per day, and 150 persons are employed throughout the year.

The plant of the Philadelphia Quartz Company was moved to Chester from Philadelphia in 1905. Sand and soda are fed into the fiery furnaces at Chester and they come out as beautiful glass-like material. The company was originally founded by Joseph Elkington in 1831 in Philadelphia.

Patterns for steel castings are made at the Chester Pattern Company, at Fourth and Ward streets, Chester. The company has been established for twenty years and as many as 150,000 patterns are made annually.

The Lester Piano Company, located at Lester just east of Chester, is one of the leading piano manufacturing companies of the United States. Five hundred people are regularly employed at the plant, which was established in 1888. The F. A. North Piano Company of Chester handles Lester pianos in Chester. The company in this city is a branch of the F. A. North Company in Philadelphia.

The Houston Manufacturing Company, Green and Caldwell streets, is engaged in the manufacture of quilts and comforters. Raw materials of cotton, wool, down, silk and sateen are received here by rail and water. By means of modern mechanical equipment the products of the company are turned out in large quantities and shipped all over the United States.

The Pennsylvania Paving Company was organized in 1922, taking over the equipment of and succeeding the American Paving and Materials Company. The company has its headquarters along the riverfront on the property of the Consumers Ice and Coal Company. The activities of the company extend through Delaware County and into distant sections of Pennsylvania.

The Taylor Sheet Metal Company, engaged in the manufacture of sheet metal roofing, warm-air heating systems and major appliances identified with sheet metal work, was incorporated in 1917 and now occupies new quarters at 147 West Fifth street. Before the beginning of this year the company's plant was located at 515 Concord avenue. More than twenty men are employed in the work. The president of the company is W. J. Rhoads, retired; Garrett Detwiler is vice president; A. D. Anderson is secretary, treasurer and general manager, and Walter E. Eckel is sales manager.

Congoleum-Nairn, Inc., is one of the leading industries of Marcus Hook. The company has several other plants in addition to the one in the Chester district.

The Whiting-Patterson Company, of Philadelphia, is one of the leading paper supply houses for job printers of Delaware County.

Hog Island Shipyard

Hog Island Shipyard, just north of Chester, was the greatest shipyard factor in the world. When at the peak of operations, 36,250 people were employed. The floor space of buildings was 103 acres; 150,000,000 board feet of lumber were used in the building of the plant, and 151,000 piles were driven. About 29 miles of water pipe, 26 miles of sewers and 82 miles of railroad tracks, together with 50 shipways, were constructed. The total number of vessels built was 122 and the U. S. Government expended in the neighborhood of $300,000,000 on the enterprise, which was the greatest stimulant to the Allied forces in the World War.

Early Boundary Lines of Chester County

The boundary lines of the original Chester County, of which Chester was then the chief town, were: The State of Delaware on the west, the Schuylkill River on the east, the Delaware River on the south, and as far north as a man could "travel by horse in two days." (Known as the "Walking Process" in the time of Penn.)

Washington's Army Here

It was on September 5, 1781, that Washington with his army passed through Chester on his way to Yorktown, to meet and capture Cornwallis.

A New Service By An Old Bank

To meet the growing needs of our patrons, we have established a new **Trust Department** in charge of an able and experienced attorney, where we will be prepared to handle all matters of a fiduciary nature with the same care and conservatism as have marked our 64 years of progress in the commercial banking field.

May we serve you here—too?

NATIONAL BANK OF MEDIA 1ST 1864

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PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL BONDS
CORPORATION BONDS
FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS

322 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Penna.

Chartered 1883

CHESTER NATIONAL BANK

Directors

J. FRANK BLACK
RICHARD WETHERILL
JOSEPH DEERING
GEO. C. HETZEL
H. H. HOUSTON
WM. B. HARVEY
H. vonH. STOEVER
CHAS. R. LONG
ROBERT WETHERILL
CHARLES HART
CHAS. A. ERNST
C. L. GILLILAND
G. M. STULL
JOHN L. BLACK
CHARLES E. HENDRIXSON

Capital $300,000

Surplus $600,000

Officers

J. FRANK BLACK
Chairman of Board

RICHARD WETHERILL
President

JOHN L. BLACK
Cashier

FOR nearly fifty years this bank has served the people of Chester and Delaware County faithfully and well. This mature experience is part of our service to our clients.

CHESTER NATIONAL BANK

Some of Chester's Business Houses

THE T. Frank McCall's Sons' feed and grain business was organized just fifty years ago. The success of the project, in view of Chester's development from an agricultural to an industrial center, is all the more remarkable.

George McCall, the founder of the business in 1876, was the grandfather of the two men who now own and manage the firm. He conducted the business from 1876 to 1880. At this time it was taken over by his son, T. Frank McCall, who was the owner and manager until 1913, at which time his two sons, George Y. and F. Willard, took charge.

Since the two sons, the present owners, took charge in 1913, a 50 per cent increase in the annual business has been brought about.

The Consumers Coal and Ice Company was incorporated April 10, 1890. The first plant of the company was located on the site of the present plant along the riverfront between Market and Edgmont streets. Another yard is now located at 129 West Second street.

J. E. Green is the leading commercial photographer of Chester. He has been taking photographs in this city and Delaware County for the past thirty years.

Dalton's Bakery, located at Sixteenth avenue and Providence road, has a capacity of 30,000 loaves weekly and distributes its product to retail stores throughout Chester and Delaware County. The company is equipped with the most modern bakery machinery and has five motor delivery trucks.

The Chester Dairy Supply Company does an annual business of about $350,000 with the farmers and dairymen of Delaware and Chester Counties. The company both manufactures goods and sells to retailers.

The Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance Company was incorporated in 1918, with John J. McClure as president and W. Frank Mathues as secretary. In 1924 Hiram L. Welsh was made vice president and took active charge of the company's business. The company specializes in Fidelity Insurance Bonds.

The first theatre in Chester taken over by the Stanley Company of America was the Washington Theatre, early in 1922. The Edgmont Theatre was taken over by the Stanley Company in 1924, and until this fall has been used for motion pictures and Keith vaudeville. Now large feature pictures are being shown. The Grand Theatre was purchased by the Stanley interests early this year.

The General Tire Sales, Inc., 114 East Ninth street, specializes in all kinds of tire work. C. A. Powers is president and general manager, and V. C. Powers is vice president and sales manager.

The Delaware County Tobacco Company was established in the spring of 1922 by E. P. Christake. The company's business is wholesale only, dealing extensively in cigars, tobacco, chewing gum and candy.

The Washington Hotel and Restaurant ranks next to the Old Court House as the oldest historical building still standing and in good condition in Chester. It was here that George Washington was sheltered and served on September 11, 1777, after the Battle of Brandywine.

The Crandall Bus Line, operated by C. E. Crandall, was started in September, 1922. The line now consists of seven large busses, including "Miss Chester" and "Miss Viscose."

Hyman Stein, automotive equipment, has occupied his new store at Eighth and Welsh streets since January 1 of this year. The business has been conducted by Mr. Stein, however, at 215 West Third street for the past nine years. Federal tires is one of the most important products handled by the firm.

The Gash-Stull Company was first established in Philadelphia, and moved to Chester in 1919. In addition to being Chester agents for Fords, Fordsons and Lincolns, the company is headquarters for the distribution of equipment and accessories over a wide area including several States. Branches and warehouses of the company are located at New York, Washington, D. C., Albany, Baltimore, Harrisburg and Chester. The

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PROVIDENT MUTUAL
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
of PHILADELPHIA
Founded 1865

Provident service is well-known in Delaware County. It means policies carefully fitted to the need of individual policy holders, with large dividends reducing the net premium deposit, and with unusually prompt payment of all claims.

Provident policy holders may obtain an Annual Health Survey free of charge, enabling them to "check up" on their health.

Write for booklet "Seven Keys to Contentment," which will be sent you free of cost. It explains briefly, but clearly, how thoughtful men are systematically taking care of their various insurance needs.

Chester Representative

ALFRED G. STEER

822 Crozer Building **Tel., Chester 2496**

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of the

CAMBRIDGE TRUST COMPANY

join with all Chester in congratulating the

CHESTER TIMES

upon the completion of fifty years of broadly constructive service to Chester and vicinity and in expression of the hope that its usefulness and prosperity may long continue.

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CAMBRIDGE TRUST COMPANY

CHESTER, PA. **MARCUS HOOK, PA.**

NEW CENTURY CLUBHOUSE—Gathering place for intellectual and social pursuits of the women of Chester. Building just completed and to be opened this fall. Located on Fifteenth street between Providence road and Edgmont avenue

Business Houses

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retail offices and repair shop of the company are located at Ninth and Sproul streets, while the wholesale offices are located at the old Merchants Hotel, just opposite the site of the new Ford plant.

The Supplee-Wills-Jones Company has just completed a new building at Twelfth and Crosby streets at a cost of $125,000. Milk from the Supplee-Wills-Jones headquarters in Philadelphia is brought to the headquarters here and transferred to wagons for delivery in Chester and Delaware County.

The Headley Express and Storage Company has just completed its new building at Fifth and Upland streets. This new structure is five stories high, contains 10,000 square feet of floor space and is absolutely fireproof. It is protected by a dry system of sprinklers fed by a 20,000-gallon tank on the roof.

The stone-cutting and monument works of John F. Cullis, Seventh and Upland streets, is the only plant of its kind in Delaware County. The business was started just fifty years ago by Henry W. Cullis, father of the present owner, and has occupied the same site during the entire period. Twelve to fifteen expert stone cutters and designers are employed constantly, and the most modern equipment, including pneumatic hammers, drills and blasts, is used in the shops.

Lord Brothers, Eighth and Welsh streets, took over the Studebaker agency in this city in February, 1925. For five years prior to that date, however, William K. Lord and his brother, Bristol R. Lord, held the agency for a number of other makes of cars in this city.

Several hundred carloads of scrap are sold annually by M. Doblitz & Sons, Fifth and Ward streets. Most of this metal is collected from the industries in and around Chester, and consists of surplus material.

The Victory Cleaning and Dye Works, 722 Deshong street, was established in 1917. The company's facilities include the most modern cleaning equipment and the work is all done at the company's address in Chester.

A. B. Anderson, better known as "Bee" Anderson, has been conducting a popular self-serve restaurant on Edgmont avenue, just south of Seventh street, since 1916. Before that date he conducted a lunch wagon at the same place for about ten years.

D. M. Anderson, better known as "Dave," opened a restaurant at 18 West Fifth street, in November, 1925. Previous to this time he worked at his brother's restaurant for several years. The restaurant goes by the name of "Good Eats."

The Pennsylvania National Bank

OF CHESTER

And the Home of the

Pennsylvania Title Company

The Pennsylvania National Bank's proudest claim is not—that no account is too large for us to handle—but that no account is too small for us to give consideration.

With our much enlarged quarters and the recent addition of our Mortgage Department we are equipped to give our patrons every banking service. We have Checking, Savings and Christmas and Vacation Fund Accounts; Safe Deposit Boxes for Rent; Foreign Exchange on all points and Travelers Cheques available throughout the world. We sell mortgages and participations in them, guaranteed or otherwise. We issue Title Insurance.

OUR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

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D. B. McCLURE, Vice President. W. H. CHRISMER, Asst. Cashier.

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R. D. McDowell	J. P. VanKeuren	Chas. G. Worrilow	Jesse K. Lewis
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THE PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL BANK

406 and 408 MARKET STREET

South Chester Office, 2728 West Third Street

1814 - One Hundred and Twelve Years of Successful Operation in Chester and Delaware County - 1926

MAY 25, 1815

Statement of the Bank of Delaware County

DR.

To amount of capital..	$48,510.00
To amount of notes issued	91,320.00
To amount of interest and discount.....	3,378.71
To dividend unpaid.....	34.50
Due to other banks....	5,016.93
Deposits by individuals	40,339.57
	$188,599.71

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By amount of bills, notes and stock.....	$139,082.93
By expense of plates, notepaper, printing...	1,607.96
By real estate in Chester	6,808.05
Due from other banks..	7,949.55
Cash on hand and in bank	33,151.22
	$188,599.71

Deposits Doubled in Little More Than Five Years

Dec. 31, 1921.....	$2,480,421.51
Dec. 30, 1922.....	2,820,786.70
Dec. 31, 1923.....	3,706,726.29
Dec. 31, 1924.....	4,119,908.98
Dec. 31, 1925.....	4,288,724.57
June 30, 1926.....	5,152,465.54

JUNE 30, 1926

Statement of the Delaware County National Bank

ASSETS

Loans and Investments	$5,125,685.10
U. S. Government Securities	1,770,256.61
Banking House Furniture, Fixtures, etc.	110,500.00
Other Real Estate....	210,000.00
Due from Banks....	324,777.30
Cash and Reserve....	488,107.60
	$8,029,326.61

LIABILITIES

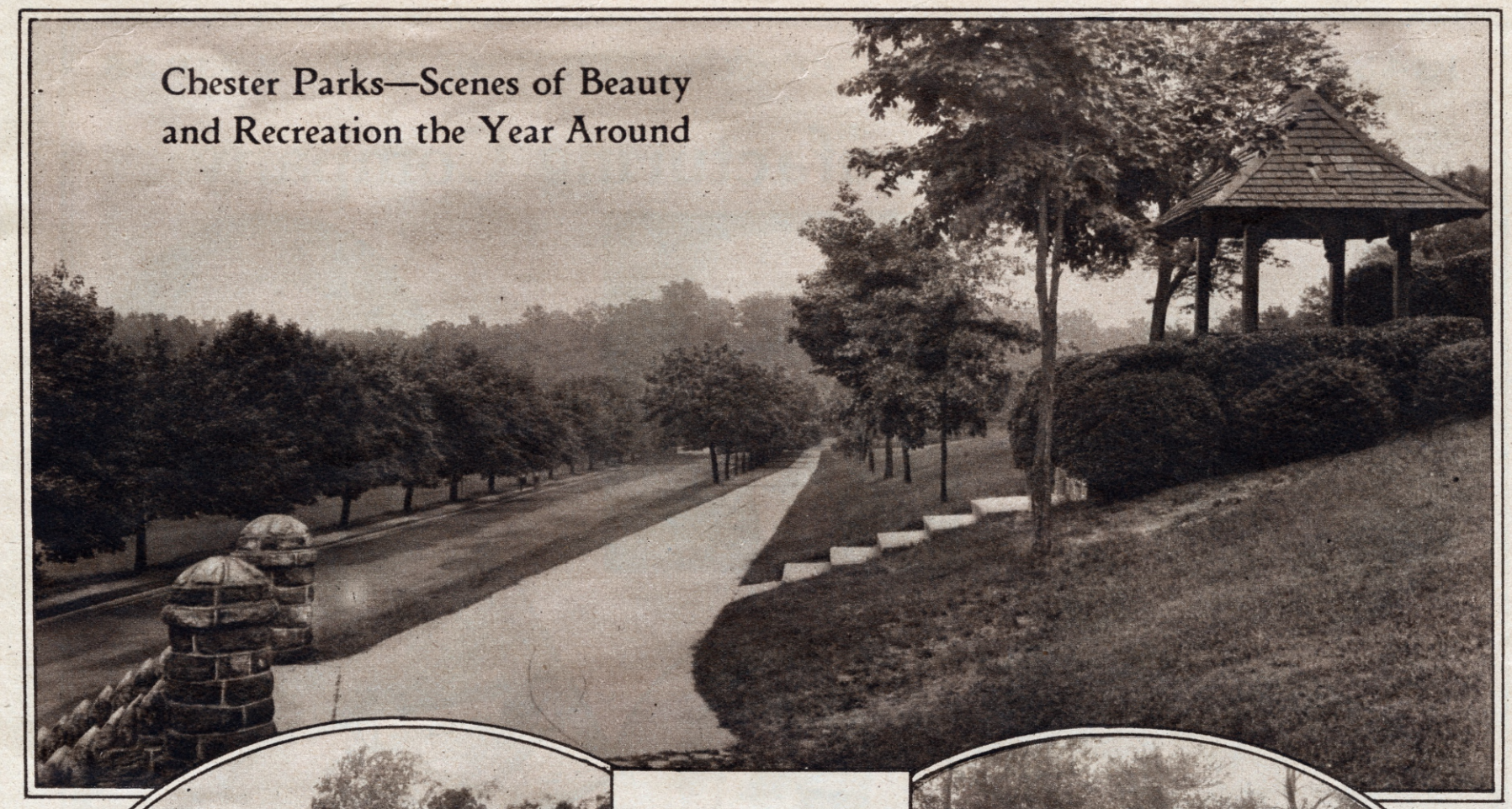
Capital	$650,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits....	326,861.07
Circulation	600,000.00
Deposits	5,152,465.54
Bills Payable—Federal Reserve Bank.....	300,000.00
	$8,029,326.61

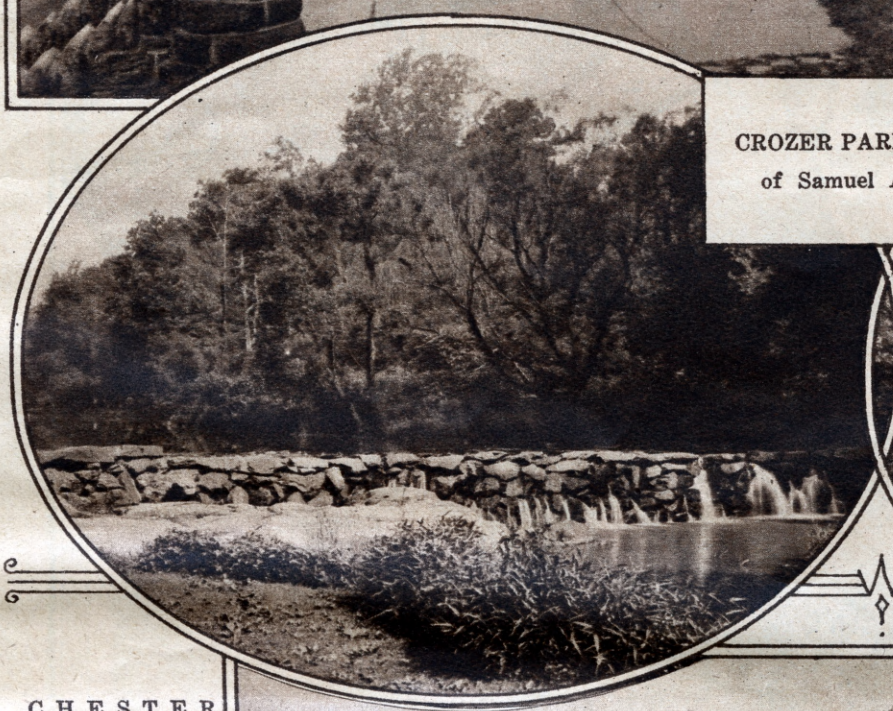
THE DELAWARE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

MARKET SQUARE, CHESTER, PA.

UPTOWN OFFICE: EDGMONT AVENUE AND WELSH STREET, MERCHANTS' TRUST COMPANY BLDG.

Chester Parks—Scenes of Beauty and Recreation the Year Around





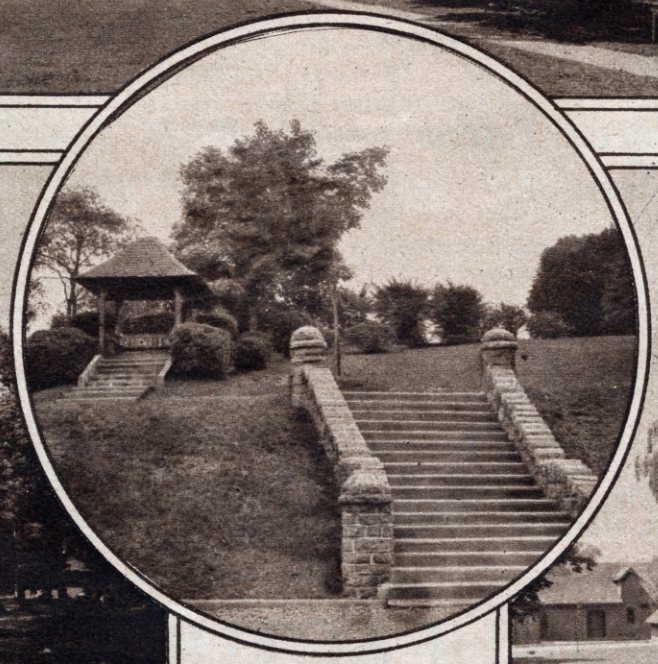
CROZER PARK—The gift of Samuel A. Crozer

CHESTER PARK IN THE SUMMERTIME—Forty-six acres of beautiful woodland among the hills and valleys of Ridley River

CHESTER PARK—Where Ridley River flows along the winding road

CHESTER PARK—The walk above the valley

CHESTER PARK—The bridge across Ridley River



CROZER PARK—Comprising forty-seven acres of wooded land, walks and drives

DESHONG MEMORIAL PARK—Twenty-three acres of park and playground in the heart of the city

1843—*EIGHTY-THREE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS OPERATION*—1926

The Kent Manufacturing Company

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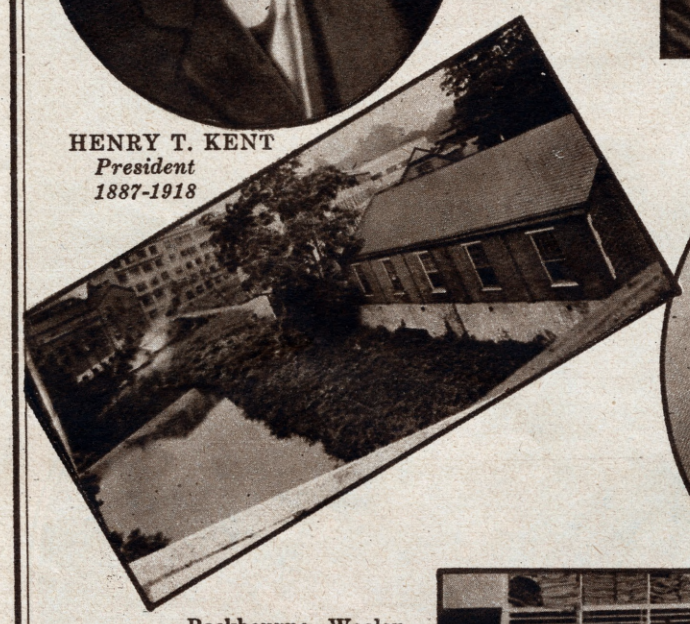
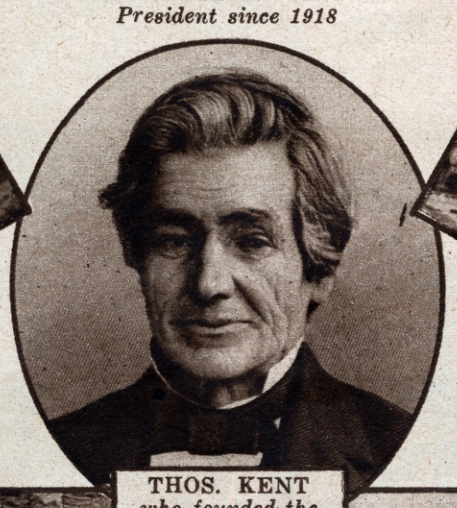
President
1887-1918

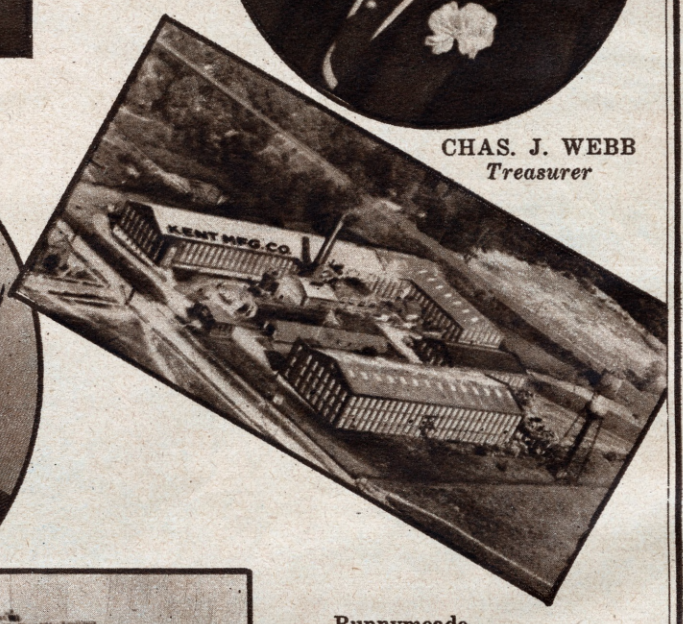
EVERETT L. KENT
President since 1918

CHAS. J. WEBB
Treasurer





THOS. KENT
who founded the business in 1843



Rockbourne Woolen Mills of The Kent Manufacturing Company, Clifton Heights, Pa.

Runnymeade Worsted Mills of The Kent Manufacturing Company, Clifton Heights, Pa.

Retail Department of The Kent Manufacturing Company, located at Clifton Heights, Pa.

MANUFACTURERS OF

Woolen Flannels ***Overcoating***
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Spinners of Fine Worsted Yarns on French System

We bridge the gap from the sheep's back to yours, saving you many intermediate costs. We have eliminated these costs through our Retail Department. Visit this department and be convinced.

WE SELL

Men's and Boys' Suits, Top Coats, Tweeds, Overcoats and Ulsters

Stylish, Attractive and Well-Tailored

Dress Goods and Sport Cloths—Blankets for Home or Camp—Motor Robes

THE KENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY

The Oldest Woolen Manufacturing Plant in Pennsylvania

New York Office
25 Madison Avenue, New York

CLIFTON HEIGHTS, PA.

Fine old residence. For many years the home of John B. Roach

Chester: City of Beautiful Homes

Home of Mrs. Florence W. Wilson

Homes along East Twentieth street

Home of David B. McClure

Type of home in Sun Hill

Homes along Twentieth street looking east from Chestnut street

Other attractive homes in the Sun Hill section

Textile Industry

LAST year Delaware County's textile mills produced goods valued at $74,697,800 and by-products valued at $4,067,700. These figures represent the greatest value of goods produced in any one industry in the county.

The streams in this section of the country proved attractive sites for textile mills early in the eighteenth century. The first mill was not built in Chester, however, until about 1850, when James Campbell erected a building on Fourth street between Edgmont avenue and Market street capable of housing 100 looms.

Following James Campbell came Colonel N. L. Yarnall, James Stephens, Roberts, Wilson & Willey and Benjamin Gartside, followed by his sons, Amos Gartside, James Gartside and John Gartside, in the mill on the west side of Chester Creek. John Green, Abraham Blakeley, John Mason, Ashworth & Downey, Samuel Eccles, Robert Hall, James Irving, Irving & Leiper, J. William Lewis, General Patterson, of the Patterson Mills; James Ledward, James Barton and Simeon Cotton also followed.

G. P. Dennis, John Lilly & Son, Branagan & Lamb, James Stotesbury, Captain Jerome and James Bowers were the next in line. These gentlemen were all engaged in the manufacture of cotton fabrics and cotton yarns, and in some cases were manufacturers of Kentucky jeans, in which was a small portion of wool.

These industries flourished about 1850 up to probably 1895. By that time they had practically disappeared, and, due to cheap labor, saving in the cost of shipment of raw material, and lower taxes in the Cotton Belt States, the cotton products manufacturers moved to the South.

The largest number of wage-earners connected with any one industry are now employed in the textile mills of Delaware County and number about 10,700 persons. Capital invested in the industry amounts to $27,953,700.

One of the largest mills in the Chester district is that of the Viscose Company. Here the manufacture of rayon is carried on by 4500 employes the year around. The Viscose Company was one of the first mills in the country to manufacture rayon and today leads the country in that work.

The Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company started operation with 150 employes in a two-story L-shaped building at Fourth street and Morton avenue in July, 1889.

In recent years the Aberfoyle Company has turned to the weaving of rayon, and here, as in cotton, has established a reputation for beautiful, lasting fabrics.

Today Aberfoyle is the largest producer of mercerized yarns in the country and has a nation-wide reputation in this field, also.

The company at the present time employs about 2300 persons, principally residents of Chester.

The Chester Lace Mills were started in Chester twenty-eight years ago. A new building is now being erected at a cost of $3,500,000 to replace the old structure.

The Eddystone Print Works occupies eighty acres in the Chester district and is engaged in the printing of cotton and silk goods. The output is about 40,000,000 yards annually. The company was organized in 1836.

The Ewing - Thomas Converting Company in Chester was established November 15, 1916. The company's capital was originally $60,000. In 1919 it was increased to $250,000. The company did a business of $3,000,000 last year. The original force of seven employes has grown to 200 at the present time.

The Rosanna Mills, Inc., is one of the largest manufacturers of high-grade plushes and velours in the country. Since the company's commencement of operation at the Chester mill in 1920 it has steadily gone ahead, until the demand for its product could not be filled at the plant located at Third and Booth streets. Plant No. 2 was then acquired at Upland.

The Allan G. Tyson Company was started in Chester in 1919. The firm was incorporated and made its business the buying in wholesale quantities of hosiery, underwear and notions and the resale of these articles to retail trade.

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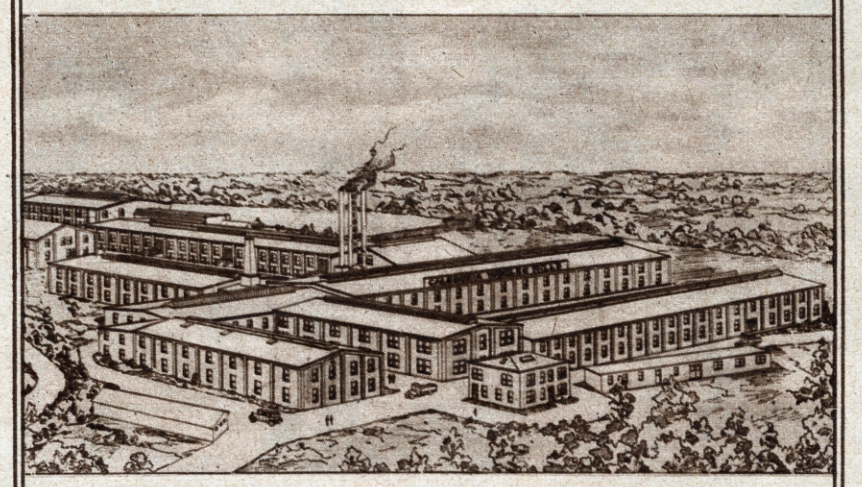
CALEDONIA WOOLEN MILLS

"In Service Nearly Seventy Years"



David H. Pleet, Treasurer

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CALEDONIA WOOLEN MILLS

CLIFTON HEIGHTS, PA.

47 years

Since 1879, Scott Paper Company has been making quality merchandise—building an international reputation and acceptance for Scot-Tissue Products.

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T. Frank McCall's Sons

Flour, Feed, Seeds, Poultry and Dairy Supplies

A Half Century of Courteous Treatment, Honest Dealing and Fine Service Has Made Us a Leader in Our Line

GEORGE McCALL
Founder of the business

The original building of T. Frank McCall in 1876

T. FRANK McCALL
Head of the business for 30 years

GEO. Y. McCALL (left) and F. WILLARD McCALL, present owners of the business

The present quarters of T. Frank McCall's Sons

We Are Agents and Distributors for Chester and Surrounding Territory for

Ceresota Flour—Duluth and Seal of Minnesota Bakers' Flour—Larro Dairy Feed—Conestoga Dairy Feed—Pratt's Poultry Feeds and Remedies—Eshelman's Poultry and Dairy Feeds—Spratt's Dog Foods and Remedies—Peerless Poultry Supplies—Kapailo Poultry Grit—Lee's Poultry Remedies—Buckeye Incubators and Brooders—Bowker Spraying Materials — Flyosan Fly Spray — Scott Paper's Toilet Paper and Towels—Wyandotte Cleaner and Cleanser Products—Hood Tires and Tubes—Thomas Fertilizer—Sheep's-Head Sheep Manure—Landreth's Seeds—Thatcher Milk Bottles and Caps—Diamond Salt.

Our Mill Manufactures Cracked Corn, Corn Meal and Corn Bran

Our up-to-date corn grinding machine, grader and separator makes four sizes of graded corn, also meal and corn bran. The corn is dumped into an elevator pit and then taken up by a conveyor to the corn storage bins ready for grinding. We have automatic weighing machinery for bagging corn goods.

Our Feed Storage Capacity Is Fifty-five Carloads

Bulk Grain	10 carloads
Sacked Feed	26 "
Flour Storage	4 "

The balance of storage for hardware and miscellaneous articles.

Our sales department is divided into two divisions—wholesale and retail. Our four automobile trucks and three wagons guarantee quick service to the grocer and drug store trade, country stores, garages, farms, poultry plants and backyard poultry raisers.

You will be pleasantly surprised with our seed department. Not only do we carry a complete line of flower, vegetable and farm seeds, but we also have an up-to-date line of seed fixtures.

We carry a complete line of feeds, farm, dairy and poultry supplies. Our large sales and storage capacity assure you of fresh feeds.

T. FRANK McCALL'S SONS

Corner Sixth and Madison Streets Chester, Pennsylvania

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Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia

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Detroit, Mich.

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421 Chestnut St., Philadelphia

The Hood Rubber Products Co., Inc.
421 Arch St., Philadelphia

John W. Eshelman & Sons
Lancaster, Pa.

Pratt Food Co.
124 Walnut St., Philadelphia

LAPIDEA MANOR—Home of William C. Sproul just outside of Chester

Home of the late Edwin D. Glauser, Providence road

Textile Industry

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The manufacture of textiles is also one of the most important industries in the county outside the City of Chester. The Clifton Yarn Mills at Clifton Heights are the largest yarn mills in the United States manufacturing a variety of yarns. The products of the factory include yarn for the weaving trade for men's and women's wear, fancy twist yarns, yarns for hosiery and for tapestry.

The Caledonia Woolen Mills are also located at Clifton Heights and employ 300 persons in the manufacture of cotton goods, cashmeres and woolens. The firm was established in 1858 and incorporated in 1911.

The Kent Manufacturing Company, Clifton Heights, is the oldest manufacturer of woolen cloth in the United States. Established in 1843 by Thomas Kent, the company now ranks with the largest woolen mills in Philadelphia and vicinity, the greatest textile district in the world. The company manufactures fine worsted yarns, woolen flannels, overcoating and woolen material for suits. Tailored topcoats, suits and overcoats may be purchased at the mills.

The J. Nelson Kershaw Mills, on Darby Creek near Clifton Heights, are devoted chiefly to the manufacture of Turkish toweling. Mr. Kershaw has been active in the political and civic life of Eastern Delaware County as well as its business development. He served as a Commissioner from Upper Darby Township for several terms and finally as president of the board.

KEYSTONE AUTOMOBILE CLUB

The Keystone Automobile Club

The Largest Automobile Club in the East

Furnishes All Forms of Automobile Insurance to Club Members at Cost. Throughout its twenty years of existence this Club has fought for a square deal for the motorist.

Main Headquarters:

250 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Delaware Co. Branch Office:
Penna. Bank Bldg., Chester, Pa.

Organized April, 1890. Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Pennsylvania

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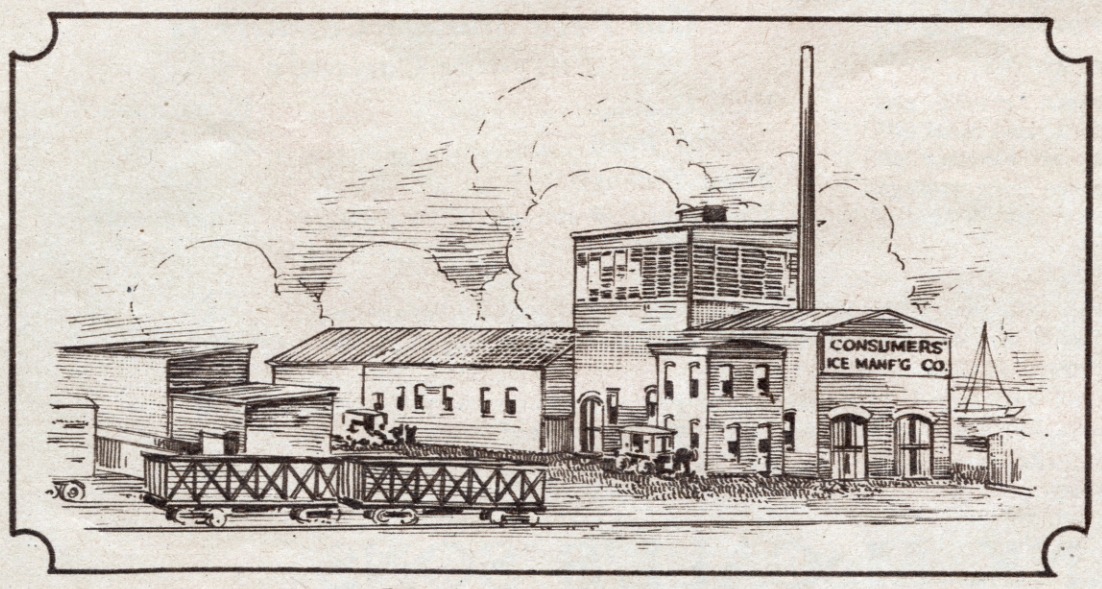

Office and Factory, Front St., Between Market St. and Edgmont Ave.

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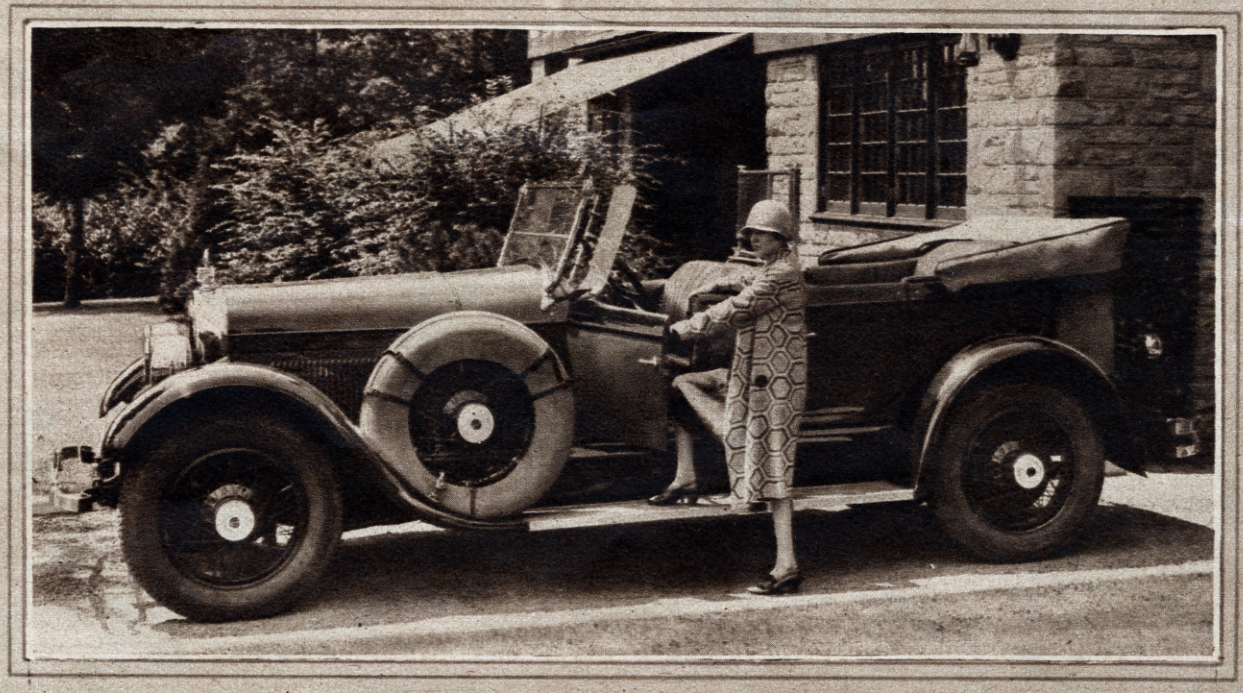
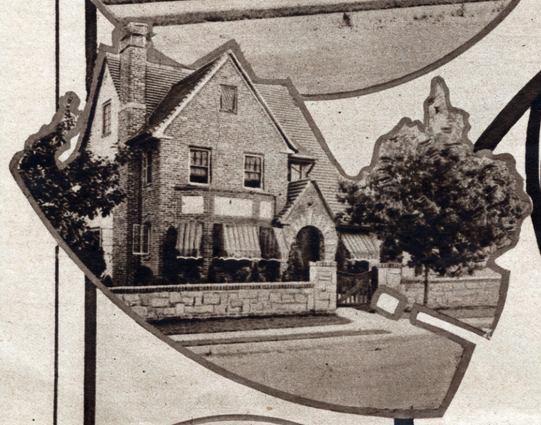


Mrs. Katherine Glauser Spackman leaving "Crestholme" in her Sport Phaeton Lincoln.



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Developed by GEORGE WILCOX

Wonderfully built English homes of real distinction reproduced by foremost architects from a quaint old English village. A cordial welcome awaits you at our WELCOME HOUSE: Priced $17,000 to $21,000

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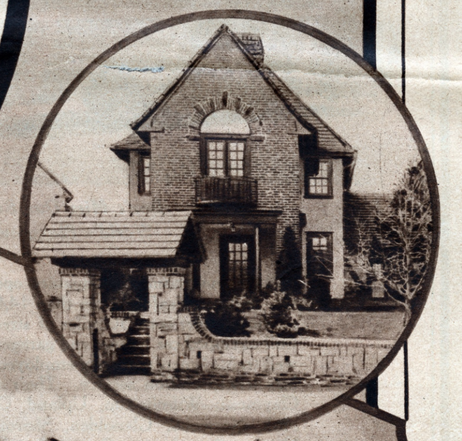
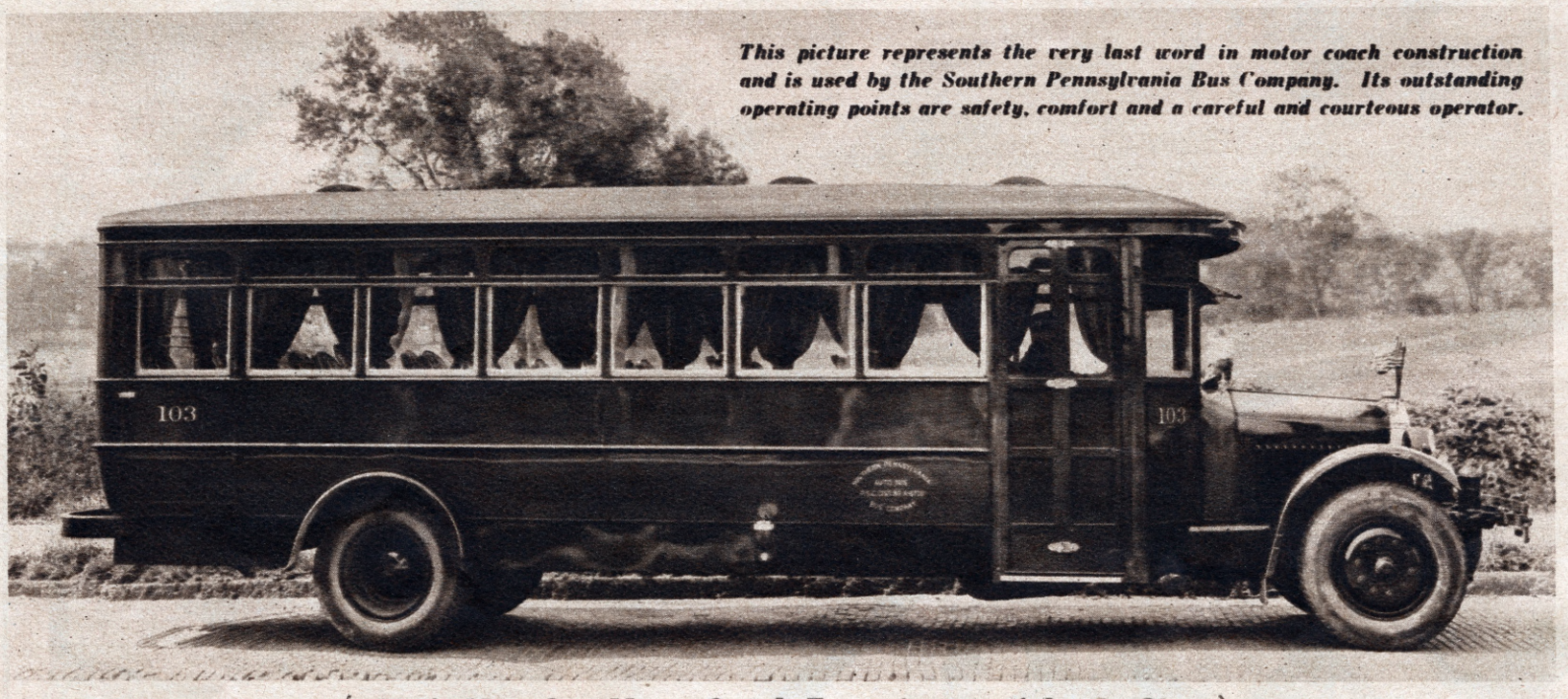
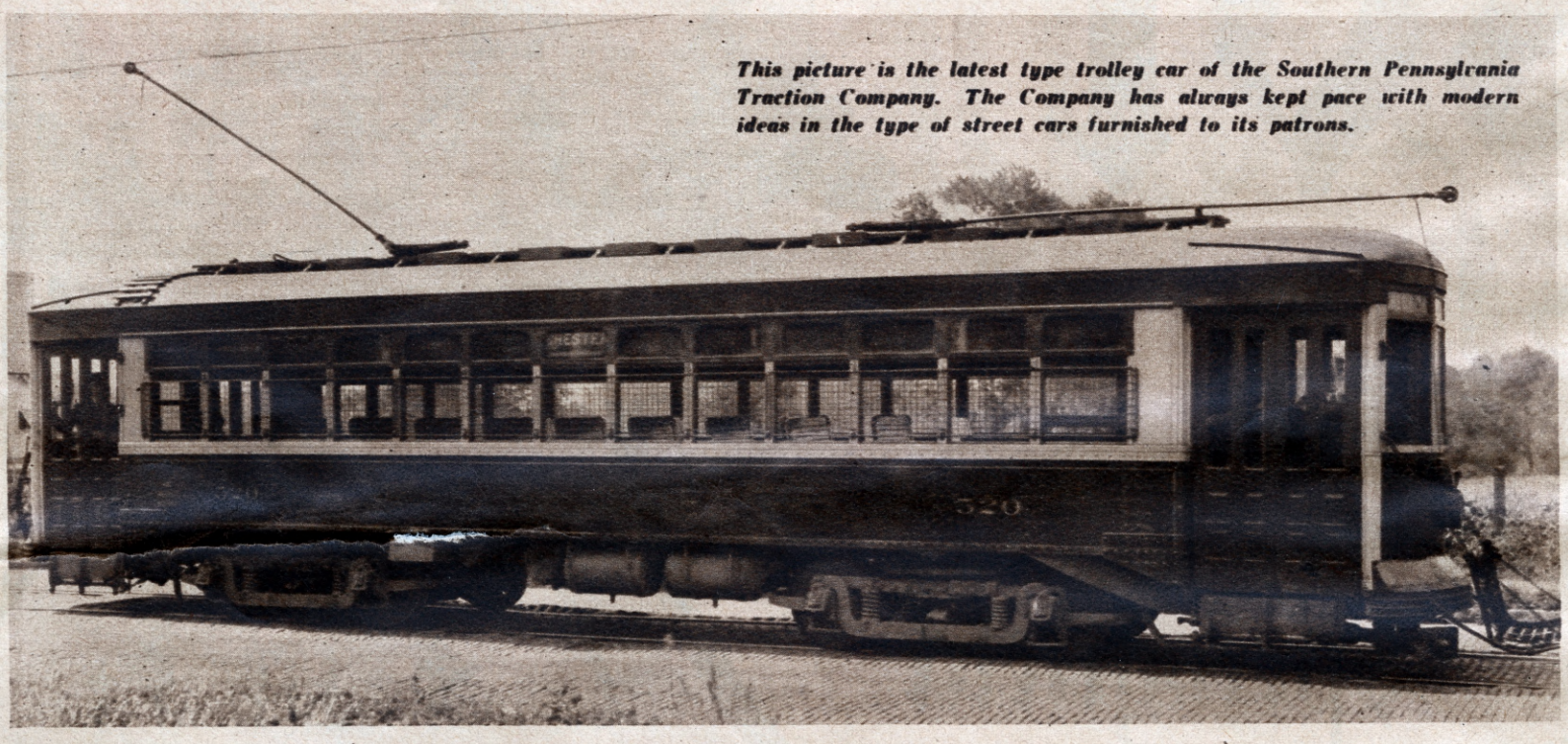


The satisfaction, safety, and comfort of our millions of riders each year is the aim of the Southern Pennsylvania Traction Company and the Southern Pennsylvania Bus Company



This picture represents the very last word in motor coach construction and is used by the Southern Pennsylvania Bus Company. Its outstanding operating points are safety, comfort and a careful and courteous operator.

Don't Miss Our Motor Coach Excursions to Atlantic City —The World's Playgrounds—Every Summer Sunday



This picture is the latest type trolley car of the Southern Pennsylvania Traction Company. The Company has always kept pace with modern ideas in the type of street cars furnished to its patrons.

Don't Miss Our Bus Excursions to Atlantic City—The World's Playgrounds. Running Time, Three Hours

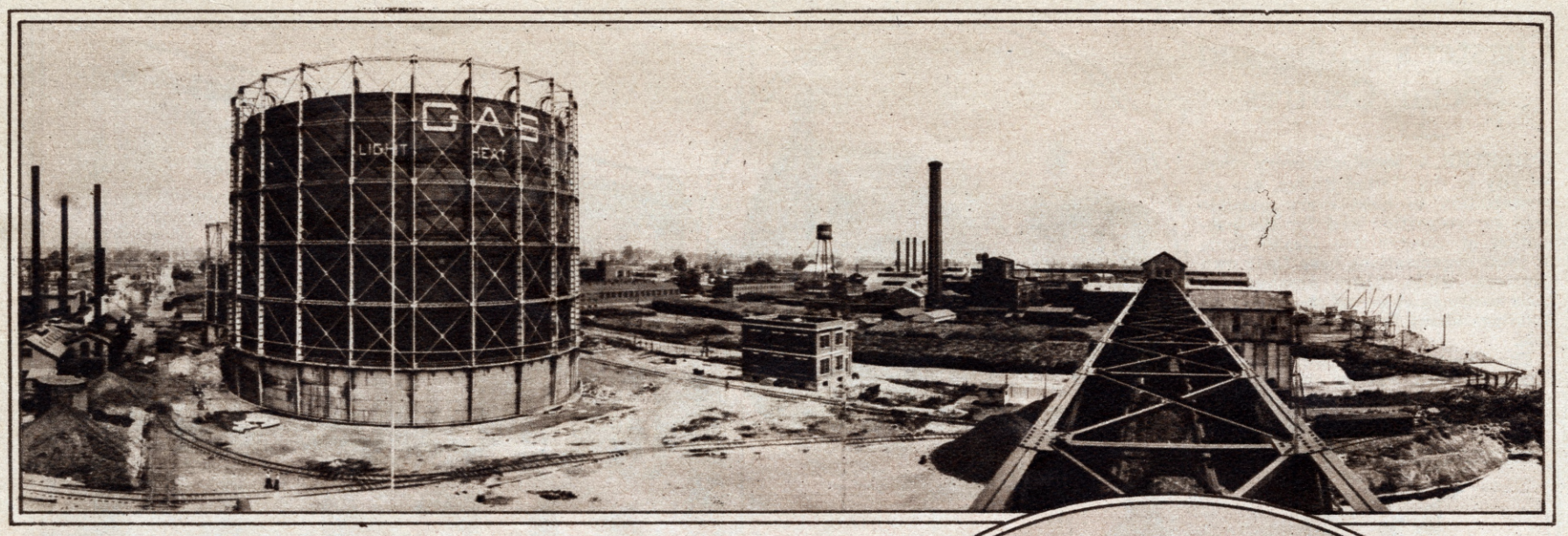
THE above-named Companies operate the transportation facilities in Chester and vicinity and carry safely more than 14,000,000 persons per year. They have 80 large and commodious street cars, 50 miles of street railway tracks, 40 modern motor coaches and three well-equipped car houses and garages. These Companies have more than 300 courteous and well-trained men regularly employed at good wages who assist in furnishing this most excellent transportation service. Their service extends from Chester to Trainer, Marcus Hook, Claymont, Wilmington, Upland, Garden City, Media, Eddystone, Ridley Park, Prospect Park, Norwood, Glenolden, Sharon Hill, Collingdale, Folcroft, Darby, Angora, Clifton Heights, Swarthmore, Broomall and Glen Riddle.

Don't Miss Our Sunday Motor Coach Excursions to Atlantic City—The World's Playgrounds. Round Trip $3.00

SPECIAL BUSES ARE FURNISHED FOR PARTY SERVICE ON APPLICATION

Southern Pennsylvania Traction Company
Southern Pennsylvania Bus Company

ABREAST OF THE TIMES IN TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES



ALONG THE RIVERFRONT—Plant of the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company at Front and Tilghman streets. In the background may be seen the plant of the American Dyewood Company

Public Utilities Add To Comforts of Home-Owners in Chester District

FIFTY years is not a particularly long time as the world goes, and yet when the first issue of the Times appeared on the streets of Chester there was not a single telephone in the city, no electric lights or power, not even a horse car, while illuminating gas was used only in the most pretentious homes and buildings.

What other field of endeavor can show a more pronounced growth and improvement during the past fifty years than that covered by the phrase "public utility"?

The history of Chester's public utilities has been one largely of private ownership from the beginning; nor has there been any agitation for control by the city authorities. This fact indicates the successful operation of the gas, electric, water and traction companies here, which in some cities are controlled by the municipal government.

The growth of public utilities is one of the outstanding phenomena of our country's amazing progress. And yet today they are still pioneering—reaching out into territory not yet served, and bringing the genius of science, the skill of finance and the devotion of unconquerable zeal to bear on the needs and desires of mankind.

The Delaware County Electric Company

The Delaware County Electric Company furnishes light and power for twenty-three boroughs, seventeen townships and more than fifty villages in the County of Delaware, covering almost one hundred square miles, and furnishing service to 37,000 business firms and homes. All the wires overhead and underground cover 510 miles, and there are on these lines 2600 miles of conductors. Last year 421,000,000 kilowatt hours were generated and sold in the county.

The Delaware County Electric Company is made up of the amalgamation and consolidation of some twenty-four companies. The oldest of the Delaware County companies was the Chester Electric Light and Power Company, which was organized October 1, 1885, although the plant was not started until March 10, 1886.

The Bell Telephone Company

It was in 1878 that interest in the telephone was aroused in Chester. J. H. Mehaffy, now retired, worked several months before he obtained enough subscribers to justify the installation of the first switchboard, which was placed in the hardware store of D. P. Paiste, at Fourth and Market streets, late in 1879.

Seven subscribers made up the list of telephone users then, compared with about 8000 now. The telephone's possibilities were soon shown, however, and two weeks after the first seven were installed, ten more were added to the list. In 1888 the switchboard was moved to Mrs. Martin's, near the Grand Theatre, where it remained until 1890, when it was again moved to the Clayton Building, corner of Third and Market streets.

As was said, there are approximately 8000 telephones in Chester—and every day a total of 50,000 telephone calls are made. In order to handle these conversations, nearly 130 persons are kept busy in the various departments of telephone work.

The Southern Pennsylvania Traction Company

The first car line was started in Chester in 1882 under the name of the Chester Street Railway Company. Cars were pulled both by horses and mules. The first horse-car line ran from Third and Booth streets along Third street and Market street and out Edgmont avenue to Upland. There was also a branch running out Fifth street. About fifteen cars were operated by horses and mules. An electric storage battery car was also used about ten years later.

In 1890 the Union Railway Company was incorporated as an electric railway company, and about 1892 track was laid on Second street from Market street to Highland avenue. Electric cars were operated both on Second street and Third street, commencing 1892.

All these lines, including the old Chester Street Railway Company, were leased to the Union Railway Company, and, in 1894, the Chester Traction Company was formed. The Southern Pennsylvania Traction Company took over the Chester Traction Company in 1910.

THE RIVERFRONT, 1892—The Tilghman street plant and the nearby riverfront photographed thirty-four years ago

EARLY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION—John MacFadden's hack passing the Postoffice Building on a snowy night

The New Chester Water Company

The first public water supply for the City of Chester dates from the year 1867, when the members of the City Council of the South Ward were authorized by special act of Assembly to erect works to supply this ward and its inhabitants with an adequate supply of water. This corporation was generally known as the South Ward Water Works, and for a period of nearly twenty years it furnished the water supply of Chester.

After operating for this period, at the end of 1887 its plant consisted of only a small pumping station at the foot of Fulton street, a one-million-gallon reservoir on Concord road and about fifteen miles of distribution mains.

In response to the demand for better service, the New Chester Water Company was organized in 1885. At the present time there are over 125 miles of mains in the system, ranging in size from two-inch to thirty-inch, and about 500 fire hydrants.

The Chester Valley Lines

No clearer example of the co-operative growth of trolley and bus transportation within the past few years can be pointed out than that of the Chester Valley Lines, owned and operated by the West Chester Street Railway Transportation Company and the People's Transportation Company.

Two years ago, before bus transportation obtained the popularity which it now enjoys, the earnings of the West Chester Street Railway Company were derived mainly from a twenty-nine-mile railway system with traffic limited largely to that produced from Coatesville, Downingtown, West Chester, Kennett Square and intermediate territory, representing a population of 40,000 persons.

Today, through the acquisition and development of subsidiary corporations, the company's business has been successfully expanded and now includes thirty-seven miles of railway and more than 200 miles of motorbus lines, a united interborough transportation system with a tributary population of about 400,000.

Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company

About 1856 a group of Chester's most progressive citizens formed a company and received a charter from the Commonwealth enabling them to establish an illuminating gas business under the name of the Chester Gas Company. A plot of ground was secured, situated at the corner of Second and Welsh streets. Here the first plant of the Delaware County Division of the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company was erected.

During the thirty years that followed competition developed, but in 1902 all of these companies were combined. In 1910 the Suburban Gas Company of Philadelphia, as the merger was called, was purchased by the American Gas Company, the present holding company.

Philadelphia Suburban Water Company

The Philadelphia Suburban Water Company, suppliers of Springfield water, is the new name which the Springfield Consolidated Water Company adopted when the company changed hands in April, 1925. The company employs 160 men, has 736 miles of pipes, and supplies five billion gallons of water annually to portions of Montgomery, Chester, Bucks and Philadelphia Counties. Delaware County offices are in the National Bank Building, Lansdowne.

The Keystone Telephone Company

The Keystone Telephone Company has had an office in Chester since the early days of the company's existence. The present office is at 524 Edgmont avenue. Here the company has an exchange which provides service for a comparatively large number of business houses and homes in this city. By its own lines and connecting companies, service is furnished with Philadelphia and hundreds of other cities in the East.

Chester's Clubs and Social Centres

CHESTER, as seemingly every other city in the United States, has an organization to meet every possible need for recreation and for the promotion of constructive ideas. Some of these organizations have their own quarters, while others arrange for their meetings at one of the numerous buildings about town which are suitable.

The Chester Club, a social organization for men, has its own building at 511 and 513 Welsh street. This building also serves as the meeting place for a number of other organizations.

The Penn Club also has its building at 10 East Fifth street. This is likewise a social club for prominent men of the city.

In the category of service clubs, Chester's reputation is upheld by chapters of International Rotary, Kiwanis and Exchange.

Combining business and pleasure there are the Chester Business Men's Association, the Chester Real Estate Board, the Manufacturers' Association, Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce.

The Young Men's Christian Association has a strong organization in Chester, as well as the Young Men's Hebrew Association. In the western part of the city there is a large Polish-American Club.

In addition to these organizations there are a number of purely social organizations, including throughout the county two hunt clubs, several country clubs (photographs of which are shown on another page) and riding clubs.

For the women of the city the leading organizations are the New Century Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

The American Legion post of the city is very active and has its own quarters on West Seventh street. It is named after Sergeant Alfred Stevenson and known as the Sergeant Alfred Stevenson Post, No. 190. The Wilde Post, No. 25, Department of

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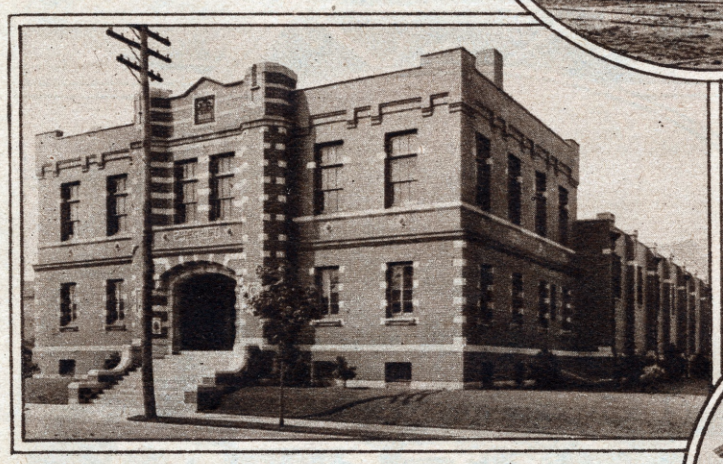
MEDIA CLUB
The meeting place and recreation centre of many men who make their home at the county seat

THE CHESTER CLUB—One of the most beautiful buildings in the city and a gathering place of the most prominent business and professional men



STATE ARMORY AT CHESTER
Originally the home of Companies B and C, Sixth Infantry, N. G. P. Frequently used for social events and gatherings

THE Y. M. C. A. BUILDING—In addition to the customary features of the average Young Men's Christian Association, such as gymnasium and swimming pool, the building contains dormitory accommodations for about 100 men

Sources of Springfield Water Supply of Delaware County, Pennsylvania

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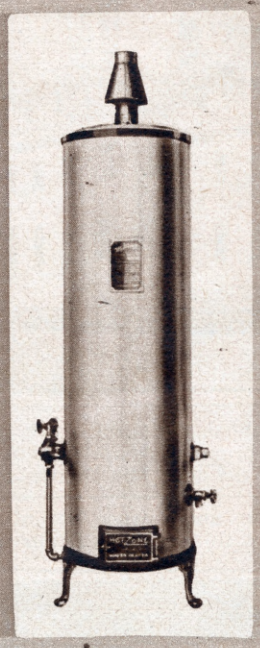

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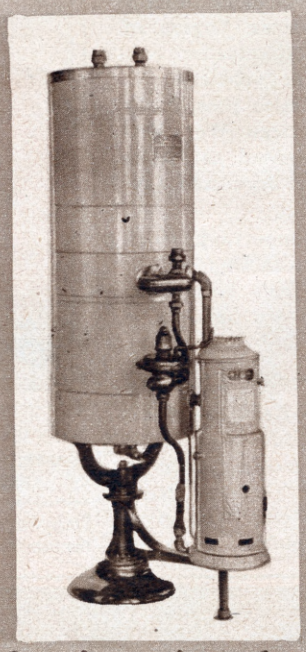

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Chester's Clubs

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Pennsylvania, G. A. R., was organized here in 1865. The Charles Horsey Post, No. 300, American Legion of Chester, is a negro organization consisting of World War veterans.

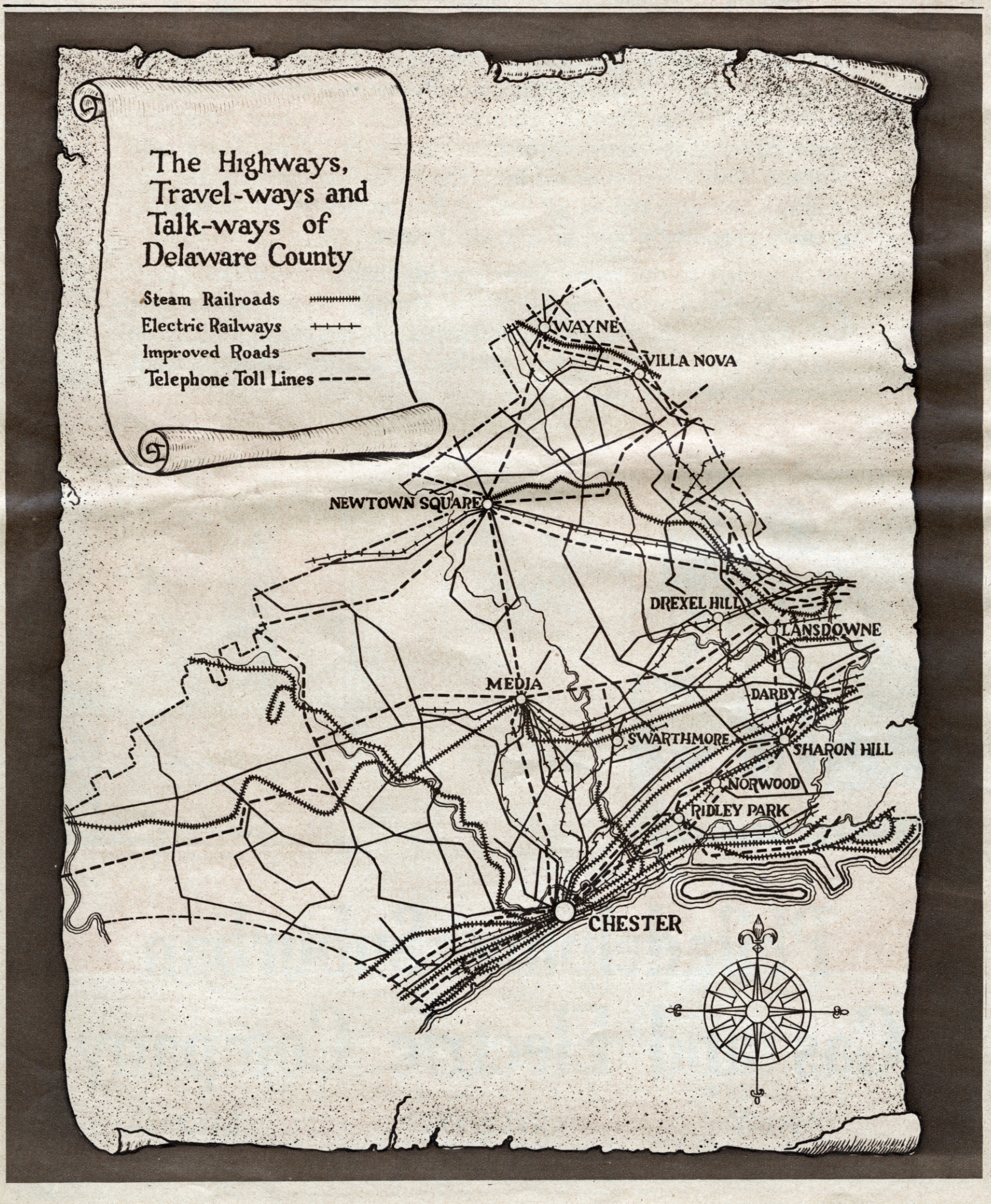
There is also an active post of the United Spanish-American War Veterans in the city, known as Lynch Camp, No. 94. It was organized January 12, 1924.

One of the most important political and social organizations of the city is the Young Men's Republican Club, which has its own building at 612 Welsh street.

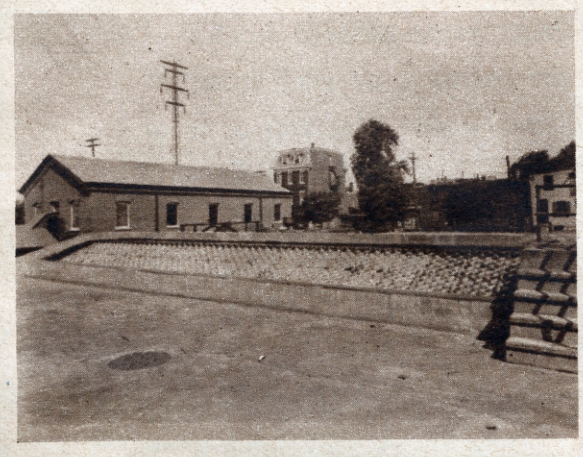
Keystone Automobile Club

The history of the Keystone Automobile Club takes one back some twenty years to a meeting held in Glenolden, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. There the club was given birth as the Automobile Club of Delaware County, with forty-eight members, by its late president, Joseph H. Weeks, organizer and founder, a man referred to by Governor Sproul as the "Real Father of Good Roads in Pennsylvania."

DUNWOODY HOME FOR CONVALESCENTS—This building was established under the will of William H. Dunwoody, a member of the Washburn-Crosby Gold Medal Flour Company. The property comprises 116 acres on the south side of West Chester Pike about one-half mile east of Newtown Square and was Mr. Dunwoody's old homestead farm



A picturesque spot on the reservoir grounds of the Harrison Hill plant



Filter house and one of the two aerators at Front and Fulton streets

Interior view of Filter building at Front and Fulton streets plant

Meter testing room, Front and Fulton street plant

THE New Chester Water Company was organized in 1885. In 1887 the Company purchased the South Ward Water Works, which had been serving Chester since 1867, and improved the system by the construction of a new pumping station, two seven-million-gallon reservoirs, located at Harrison Hill, and about sixteen miles of pipe, in addition to the large supply mains to and from the reservoir.

Since then many improvements and extensions have been made. In 1902 a filter plant was built adjacent to the reservoirs, and in 1910 extensive additions were made to the system. In 1917 contracts were let for a new filter plant at Front and Fulton Streets. War conditions delayed the completion of this plant until 1920.

Today there are 16,300 meters in use. There are over 125 miles of mains in the system, ranging in size from 2-inch to 30-inch, and about 500 fire hydrants. Each year thousands of dollars are spent in new mains, services, meters and fire hydrants.

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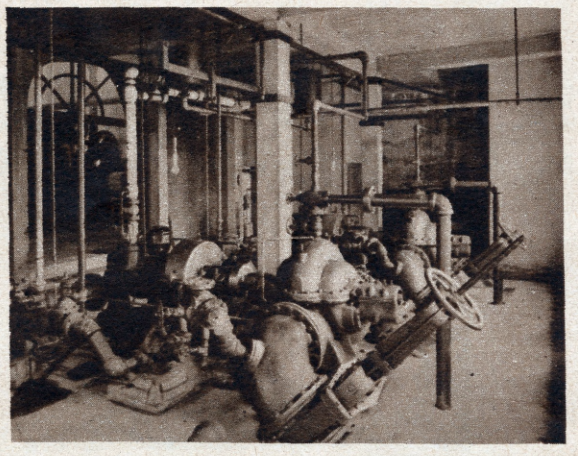
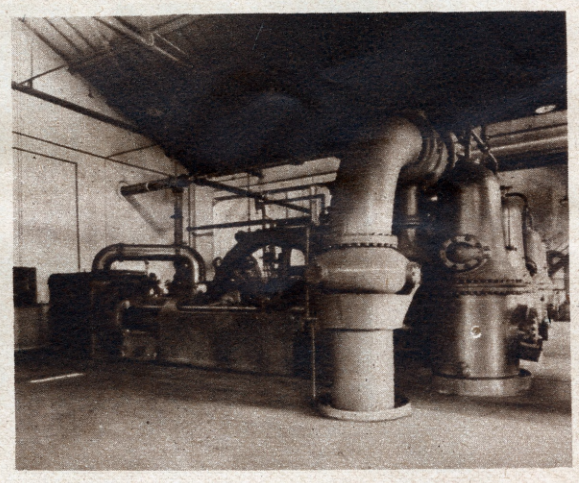
All the water delivered to our consumers is first aerated, then settled, filtered and finally sterilized before it enters the distribution mains. Daily tests are made in our laboratories to prove the continued purity of the water. The excellent health record of Chester and its suburbs is further proof of that. During 1925 there was not a single death from typhoid fever in the city proper.

If there is any question as to the quality of any water you are drinking, be sure to use it sparingly and with proper safeguards. Of your safeguarded city supply, or any other supply which you positively know by analysis and not by hearsay to be pure, partake freely for your health's sake.



Low-lift pumps, Front and Fulton streets plant



One of high-lift pumps at the Front and Fulton streets plant

One of the laboratories at the Front and Fulton streets plant

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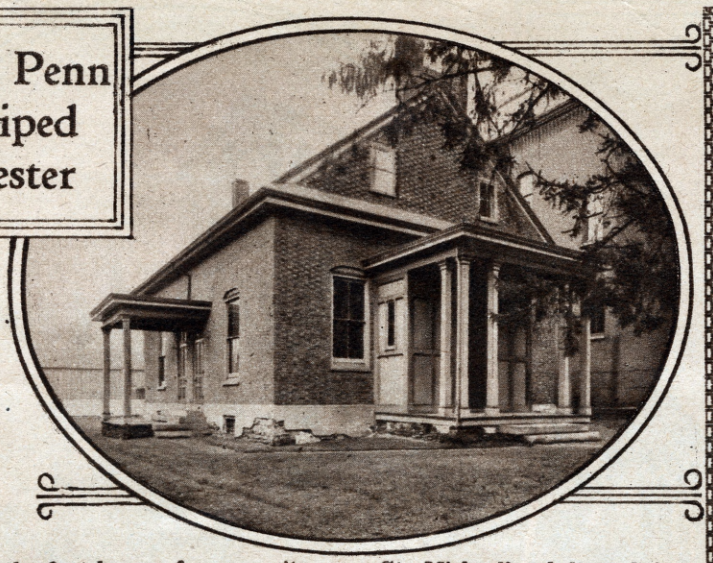
William Penn Worshiped in Chester



MEETING HOUSE OF THE HICKSITE FRIENDS
Built in 1736 and still standing. Market street just south of Third street

ALTHOUGH the first house of worship in Chester was built by the Friends in 1693, the first house of worship in what is now Delaware County was built for the Episcopalian faith. This building was erected in 1646 on Tinicum Island by John Printz, Governor of New Sweden. It was not only the first place of worship in this vicinity but in the entire Delaware Valley.

After the passing of the Swedish control, however, the influence of the Friends grew stronger, so that with the settlement of Chester the first place of worship was built by that faith. This consisted of a small stone building on Edgmont avenue between Second and Third streets. It was erected in 1693.

The second meeting house of the Friends was erected in 1736 on the west side of Market street just south of Third street. It is still standing.

After the erection of the first Friends' meeting house in 1693, Chester's second church was built by the Episcopalians in 1703 on what is now East Third street.

From the single little Episcopal church there have grown three large Episcopal churches within the city and seventeen in the county.

The first Catholic church in the city was St. Michael's, dedicated in 1843. Now the city boasts of six Catholic churches.

The Baptists in Chester and Delaware County grew from the schism of the Keithian Quakers in 1691. The development of the present Baptist faith came from the interior of the county at a later date, however. The first Baptist church which was established here was completed in 1863. Today there are ten Baptist churches in the city.

Although the Methodists did not have their own house of worship in Chester until 1830, evangelists were heard in this section long before that date. At present there are twelve Methodist churches in Chester.

Previous to 1850, the few Presbyterian families of the city worshiped at the Leiper Church in Ridley Township and at Middletown. The first Presbyterian church was dedicated in Chester in 1852. Six Presbyterian churches now represent that faith in this community.

In addition to the above-named churches, there are two Lutheran churches, a large synagogue for the Hebrew faith, a Church of Christ Scientist, churches for foreign races, a number of churches for the colored race, and several missions. There are forty-five church buildings within the city limits.

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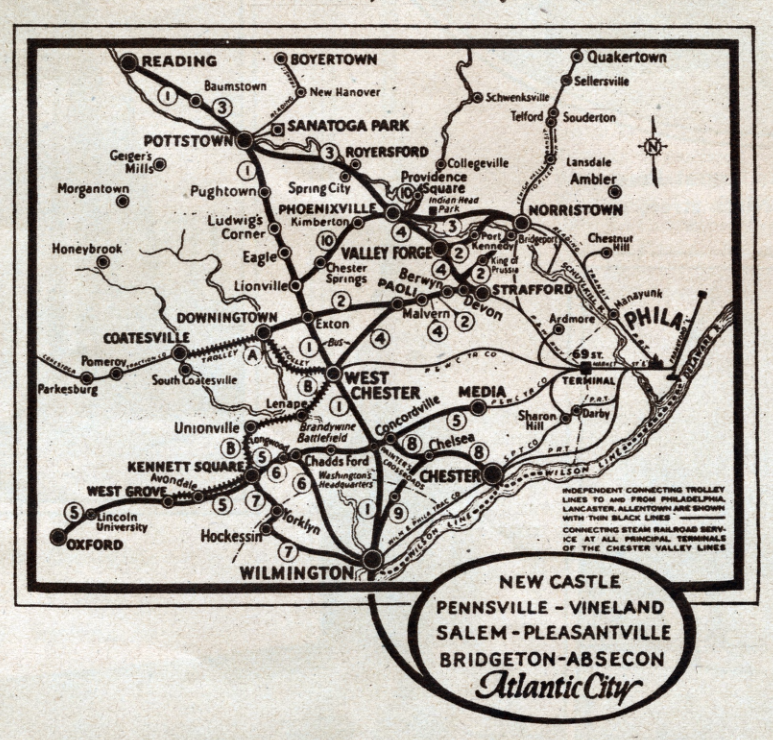

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Some of Chester's Churches

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Built in 1920. Corner of Eighth and Butler streets

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH — Another one of the older churches. Dedicated 1882

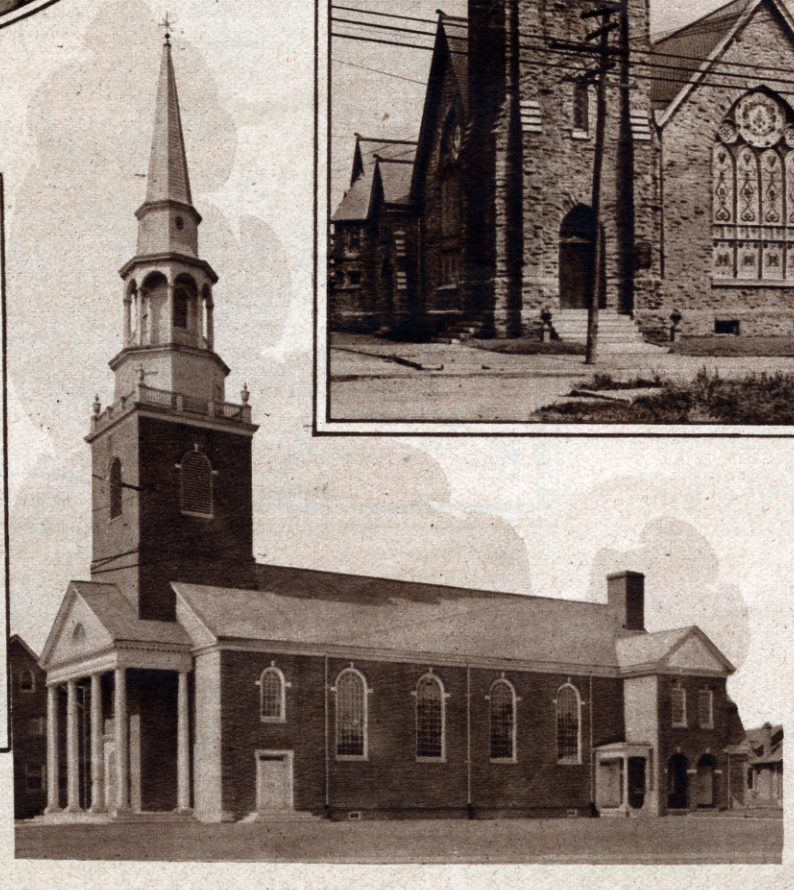
THE MIDDLETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —The oldest Presbyterian church in Delaware County. Erected in Middletown Township in 1751 and still used regularly as a place of worship

ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH —Completed in 1900. Largest Episcopal church in the city

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—The largest Presbyterian church in the city. Located on Ninth street at Potter street

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — Located at Seventh and Fulton streets. Completed in 1895

MADISON STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—One of the older church buildings of the city. Located at Seventh and Madison streets



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — A splendid example of Colonial church architecture

CHESTER SWIMMING POOL—Situated in the residential section of the city, this pool affords pleasure to thousands of Chester people during the summer months

Summer Recreation in Chester

THE MORTON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND—Here playground equipment keeps the children happy all summer

AN AFTERNOON STORY—A group of children listening to the director at the Dewey School playground

CHESTER has eleven playgrounds, each under the supervision of a director and one assistant. Most of these recreation centres are located on school grounds throughout the city. Over the entire playground organization is a supervisor, Miss Dorothy Schofield, who visits the different centres and inspects the work of the directors.

In addition to the playgrounds, nineteen water sprinklers are being operated this summer on the streets of the city. These are turned on every afternoon and afford splendid opportunity for the youngsters in the crowded sections of the city to get cool.

The work with the playgrounds, as well as the parks and public property, is under the jurisdiction of Walter H. Craig, City Councilman.

At the present time there is considerable agitation for a new city swimming pool in addition to the wading pool in Deshong Park.

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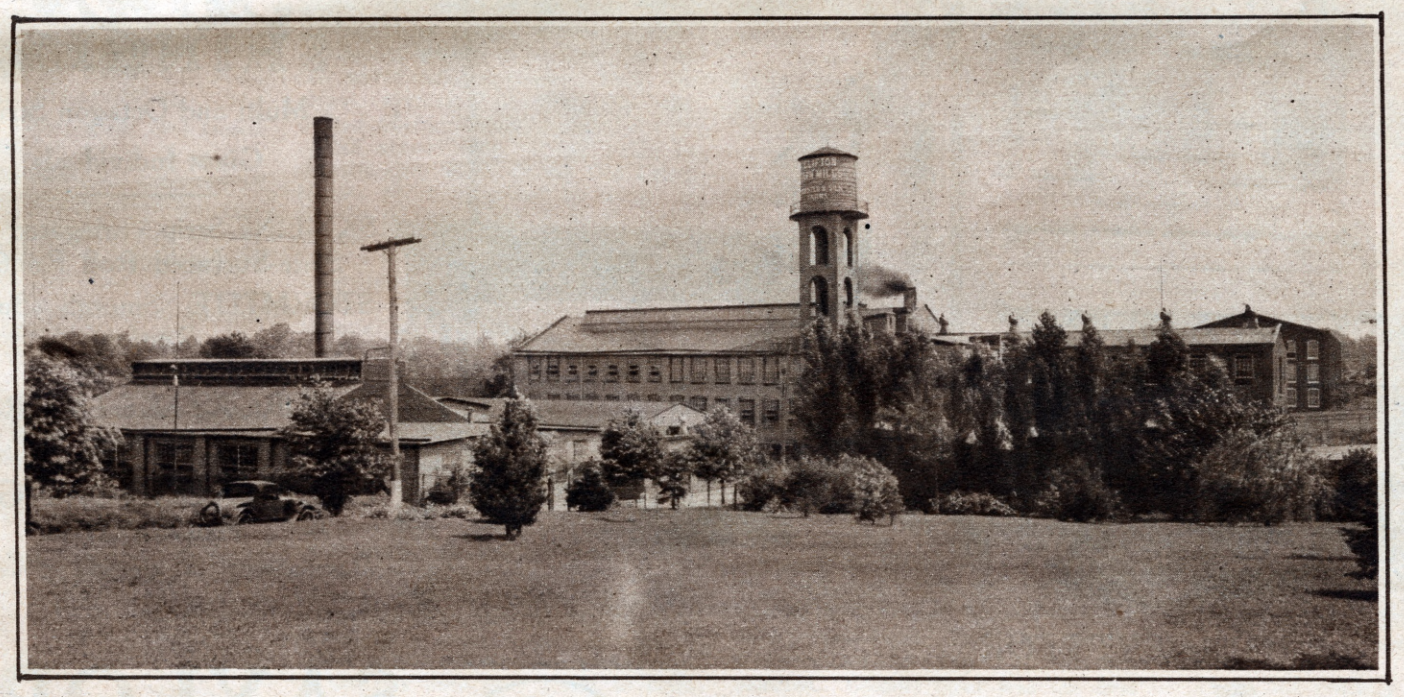

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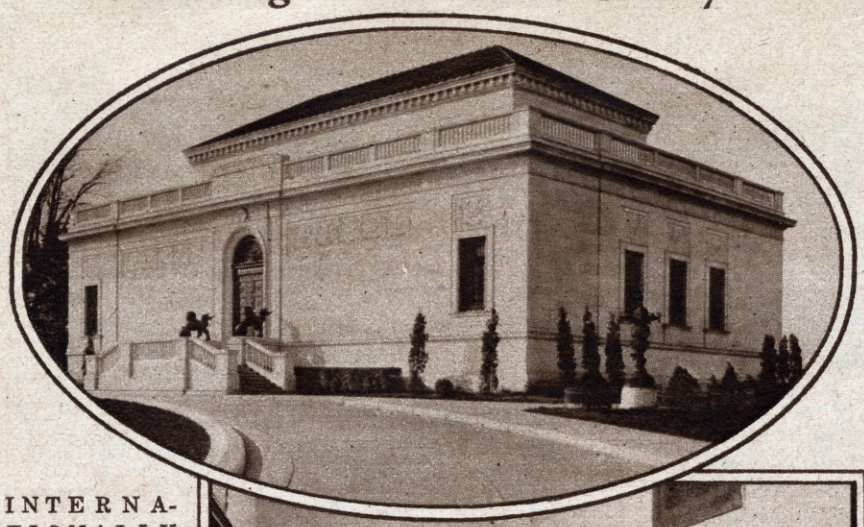

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN — The Deshong Memorial Art Gallery. One of the benefactions of Alfred O. Deshong to the city. The most beautiful work of architecture in the city

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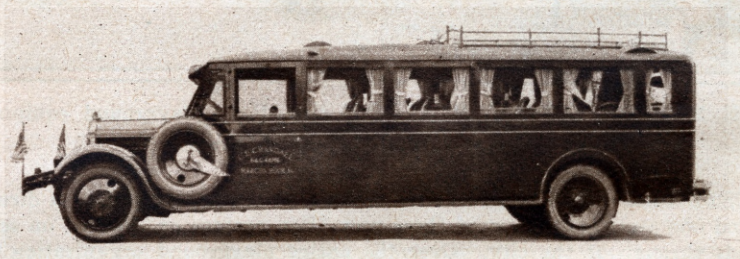

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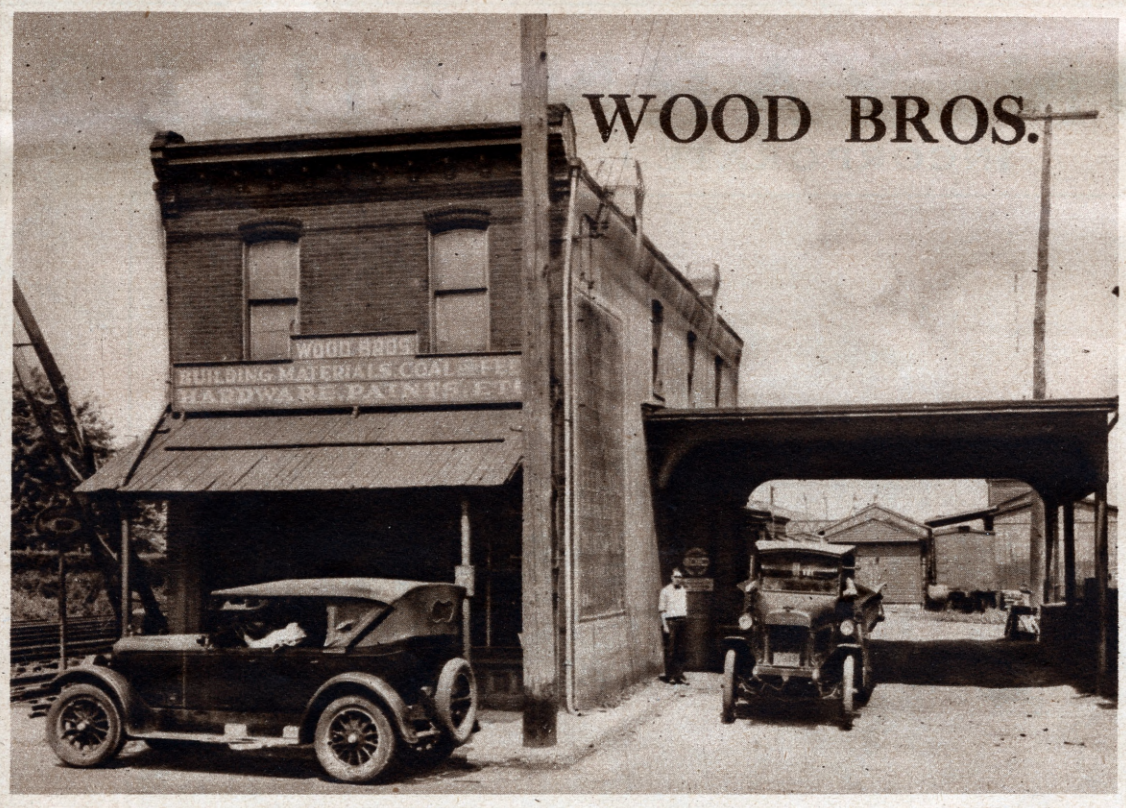

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Chester's Public School System More Than One Hundred Years Old

	1876	1926
Students	159	3 10,000
Teachers	40	300
High school graduating class	5	150
Value of property and improvement		$3,043,945.46

THESE figures indicate the growth of Chester's public school system in the past fifty years. This year might well be marked as an anniversary for the schools as well as for other institutions in the city—an anniversary of the beginning of a new period of growth.

The school system as we know it today has developed entirely since 1876. In that year the high school had been organized for about five years; the grade system of instruction was not yet well worked out, and none of the modern equipment nor methods of instruction were in existence.

At the close of the Centennial year the number of graduates from the high school was thirteen, eight in 1875 and five in 1876. This year a class of 150 graduated and the number of alumni runs into the thousands.

Consistent with the steady policy of advancement since 1876, the School Board has within the past few months purchased two large pieces of ground which will be used as sites for additional school buildings when the demand is sufficient.

The present superintendent of schools of the city is Dr. Norman W. Cameron, and the assistant superintendent is Samuel C. Miller. The members of the board are Samuel W. Ashton, George N. Benjamin, John Butterworth, Edward C. Hickory, Mary B. Luckie, George S. Mitchell, Charles P. Larkin, William C. Peters and Charles K. Rowe. Charles E. Sanderson is secretary of the board.

The first means of education in Chester was a small schoolhouse erected about 1708 under the auspices of St. Paul's Church.

From the very first, however, the Friends in and around Chester made substantial moves toward public and private education. Their schools, though established for the education of their own children, were open to all denominations. These schools were the object of much care and at the time of the establishment of our own schools had made much progress.

We have no knowledge of a schoolhouse being erected in Chester, with the exception of that mentioned above by the parishioners of St. Paul's, until 1770, when Joseph Hoskins set aside "the sum of fifty pounds toward educating such poor children of the borough and township as the Meeting should think worthy of assistance."

He also provided a lot at the intersection of Welsh, or Back, street and the King's road in trust for the use of erecting a schoolhouse. The first school building of the city was erected on this site the same year, 1770.

In the history of the schools of Chester, the next date which we have definite knowledge of is about 1806, when it is recorded that Mr. Samuel Lytle took charge of the classes in the little schoolhouse on Welsh street.

His school averaged sixty pupils, and he continued as teacher from 1806 to 1818.

Mr. Lytle is remembered because of his individuality and because of a famous man who attended his classes. For it was under Mr. Lytle's instruction that Admiral Farragut, then a poor boy living with Commodore Porter, learned the elements of navigation.

Mr. Lytle governed with the rod exclusively. The daily sessions were from 8 A. M. to noon and from 2 P. M. to 5, without recess morning or afternoon.

In 1823 a school was established in the old Logan house at Second and Edgmont streets by Miss Eliza Finch. She has the honor of having established the first graded school in Chester of which we have any knowledge.

After teaching alone at the Second street and Edgmont avenue school for six years, Miss Finch secured Mr. Charles D. Manley, of Media, to assist her. Mr. Manley took care of the "big boys and girls" and Miss Finch of the "small ones."

The mode of punishment in Miss Finch's school was characteristic. Evildoers and delinquents were made to stand in a conspicuous place in the schoolroom and wear the dunce cap. Miss Finch's school was patronized by Commodore Porter, the commander of the U. S. frigate Essex, captured by the British in the Harbor of Valparaiso in the year 1814.

About 1830 a select school was organized by Mr. Caleb Price in a summerhouse connected with the Columbia Hotel.

Prior to 1840 only one public school had been established in Chester, and this was on the lower floor of the old building at the corner of Fifth and Welsh streets. Mr. Caleb Price discontinued his select school after a short time and was appointed teacher at this school.

In 1842 two schoolrooms were created in this building, and great rivalry existed between the teachers and the pupils of the two rooms.

A story is told of how the directors satisfied themselves as to the relative merits of the two teachers. The teachers were asked outside their rooms for a few minutes. Upon their exit a great commotion was heard on the second floor, while on the first floor all was quiet. The officials took their departure well satisfied that their test had indicated the more efficient teacher.

The next public school was erected on Franklin street north of Third street. It consisted of a four-room building and was completed in 1853.

In 1865 an effort was made by the more energetic and progressive members of the board to effect a better organization of the schools. The grades were defined, but no curriculum of instruction was put into operation until about four years later. Boys and girls, till then educated in different schools, were brought together into the same rooms and classes and were apparently benefited by the arrangement.

In 1867 a contract was made for the erection of the building at the corner of Welsh and Fifth streets.

This school today is the Harvey School, a grade school for colored children.

Chester City was made an independent school district in accordance with the revised statute of 1867. This freed it from the jurisdiction of the county superintendent and Mr. A. A. Meader was elected the first superintendent of schools.

Early in the history of education of this city night classes played a prominent part. In 1877 the number enrolled in night school averaged more than 300 pupils, or about 17 per cent of the entire enrollment.

The night school was established in 1872, in the building now known as the Star School and used at this time as a grammar school. From 1872 to

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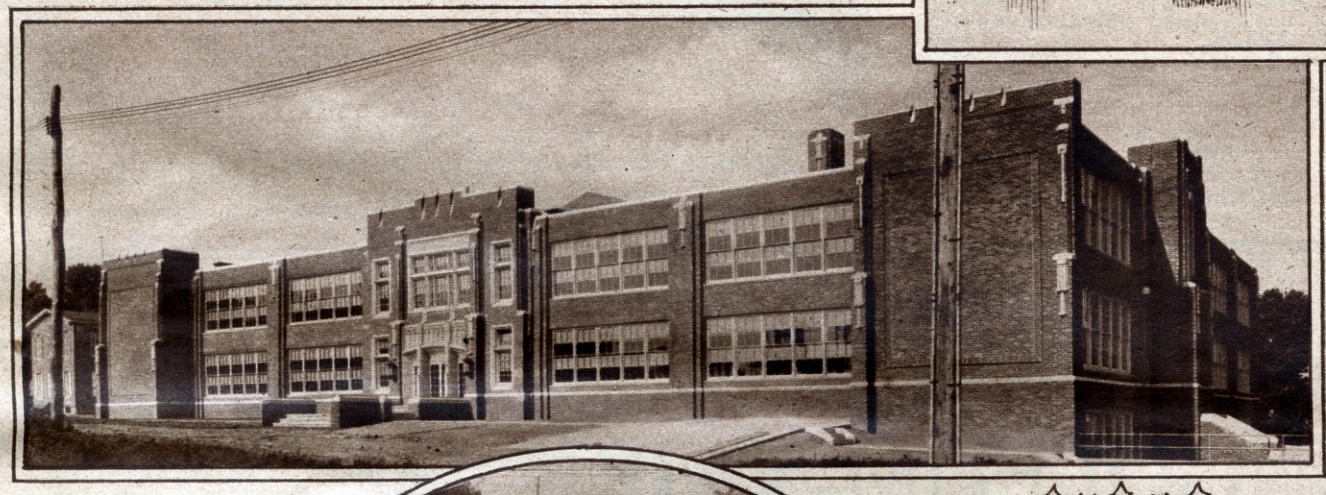
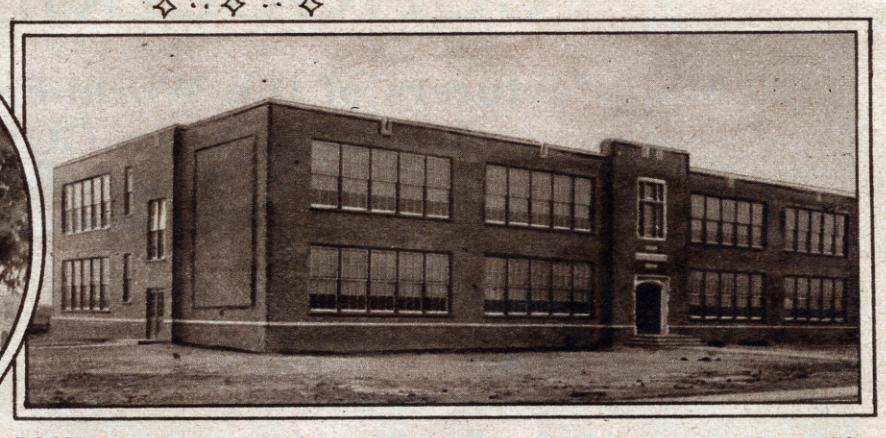
CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL—First section completed in 1901. Addition erected in 1920. Enrollment for this year about 1300

EARLY SCHOOL—Friends' School kept by John Sharples. Thought to have been located near Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets



SMEDLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL — Opened in 1924. Best - equipped school in the city. Accommodations for 700 students

THE PATTERSON SCHOOL—One of the oldest public schools still in use in the city. Named for General Robert Patterson, who served in the Mexican and Civil Wars



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL—Accommodates 250 colored children. Opened two years ago

Chester's Public Schools

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1877 the number of pupils at the high school averaged about forty and there were three teachers. This school was used for high school classes until 1901, when the new high school at Seventh street and Central avenue was built.

The new high school was opened with about 200 pupils in attendance and eight teachers. Thomas S. Cole was the first principal.

This school proved adequate until 1920, when a new addition was erected. Even with such large accommodations the new high school and addition were crowded until the two junior high schools were opened, the Smedley Junior and the Booker T. Washington, both in 1924.

At present there are twenty-six public school buildings in the city. The enrollment for this year is about 10,000 students. The enrollment at the high school this year is about 1300 and the faculty consists of forty-eight teachers. George W. Pedlow is principal.

One of the most recent public schools to be added to the city's system of education is the Booker T. Washington, a junior high school for colored children. This building, located at Seventh and Central streets, accommodates 250 pupils and is accredited as one of the most successful and modern colored schools in the State.

The Smedley Junior High School, located at Eighteenth and Upland streets, has accommodations for 700 pupils and is equipped with a modern gymnasium and auditorium and manual training and domestic science departments. The school was named for Joseph G. E. Smedley, who was principal of the Larkin School from 1903 to 1906 and then elected principal of the high school, which position he held until his death a few years later.

One of the outstanding men of Chester's schools during the past half century was Dr. Charles A. Wagner, superintendent of schools from 1918 until the time of his death in 1924. Before coming to this city he was superintendent of schools for the State of Delaware, and in his position here he gained a State-wide reputation and raised the public schools of this city to a high standard, which has been well maintained since his death.

Women in Business

ONE of the most outstanding women in business in Chester is Mrs. Elizabeth McCarthy, sole owner of the Chester Feed Store. Mrs. McCarthy's husband died suddenly on March 23, 1925, and, although she had had no business training or experience, she took over his work and has conducted it very successfully.

Two other women who have had successful business careers in Chester are Miss Anna M. Groff and Miss Edith M. Buchert. Six years ago they conceived the idea that the people of Chester would appreciate an eating place where food was daintily and tastefully served. Started across the street from its present location at 604-606 Sproul street, The Yellow Bowl has grown into a tearoom of quaint charm and splendid service.

Oil Industry

THE southern end of the Chester district along the riverfront is devoted largely to oil-refining plants. One of the first of these refineries was that of the Sun Oil Company. The position now occupied by that company is due to the vision of Joseph Newton Pew, deceased, the founder of the company.

With the opening of the Spindletop oil fields in Southern Texas during the late nineties Mr. Pew acquired large leaseholds in Southern Texas. He also conceived the idea of erecting a refinery in Delaware County where he could have the refining done within shipping distance of manufacturing plants and in the approximate geographic center of the country.

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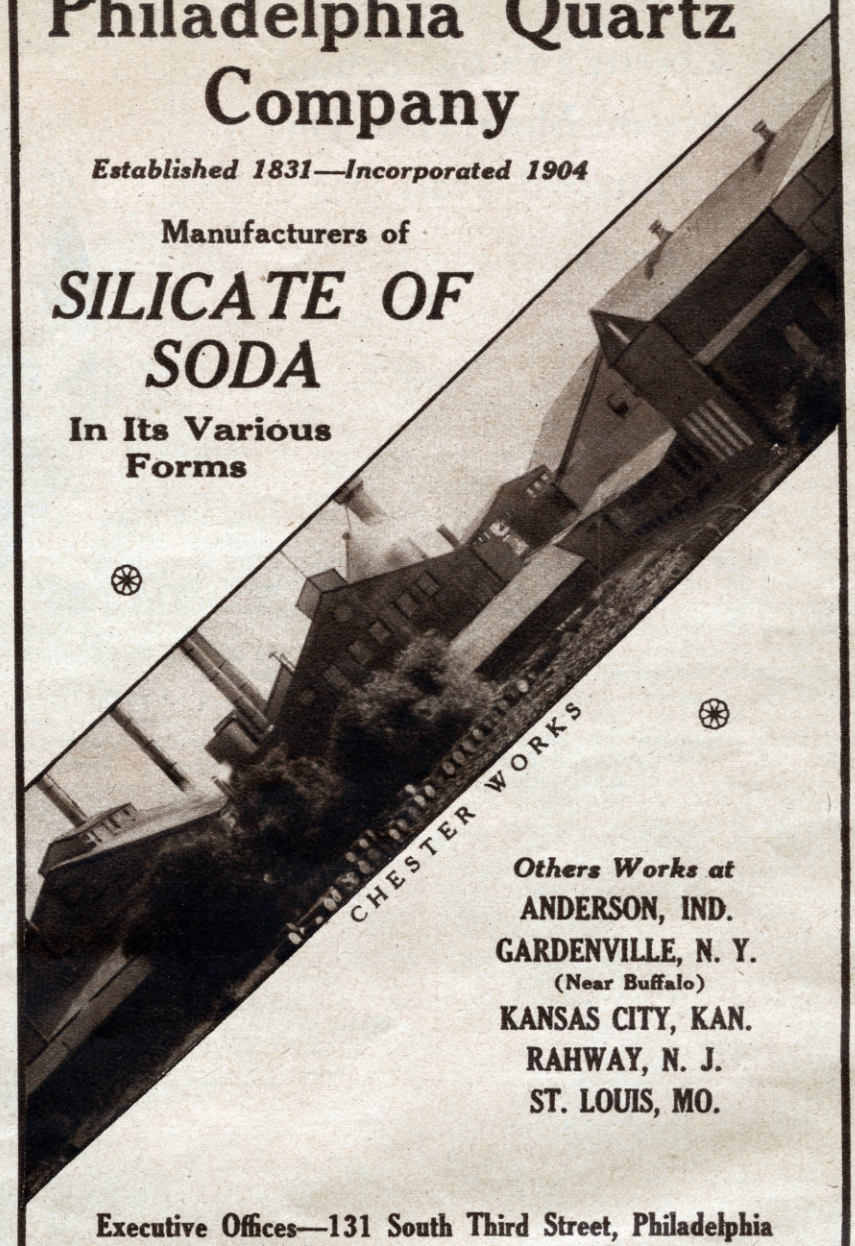

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Charities Well Organized to Care For Suffering In Chester

Welfare Federation

THE Welfare Federation of Chester and Vicinity was organized in December, 1924. Since its inception, up until the time of going to press with this edition, the organization has collected and distributed among the needy of this community benefits valued at close to two hundred thousand dollars.

The organizations comprising the federation are the Chester Hospital, the Chester Relief and Family Welfare Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Salvation Army, the Chester Council, Boy Scouts of America, the American Red Cross Nursing Service, the Children's Aid Society, the Child Health Centers, the Chester Day Nursery, the Ruth L. Bennett Improvement Association, the State Tuberculosis Clinic, the Union Benevolent Society and the Marcus Hook Welfare Station.

In addition to the collection and distribution of funds, the federation also has inaugurated what is known as a Council of Social Agencies. This council is composed of representatives from member agencies of the federation and a number of non-participating agencies. It meets monthly, and at these meetings the business affairs of the federation and the social needs of the community are discussed and action taken.

The officers of the Welfare Federation are: Chairman, John G. Pew; treasurer, Richard Wetherill; secretary, Colonel James A. G. Campbell; Dr. C. A. Ernst, William Provost, Jr., and William T. Galey. The director of the federation is Allen R. Eckman. Mrs. Helen Rhodes Warwick is his assistant.

CHESTER HOSPITAL ADDITION. The Robert H. Crozer addition to the Chester Hospital. Completed in 1923

TAYLOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. A State-aid hospital founded by Dr. H. Furness Taylor in 1910. Located in Ridley Park Borough. New addition completed in 1925

Chester Hospital

Chester Hospital was incorporated in 1883, the necessary funds subscribed in 1891, and the building opened January 1, 1893. Since that time there has been a series of improvements and additions which today makes Chester's leading hospital adequate to meet the city's needs.

The buildings are situated at Ninth and Barclay streets, and include, in addition to the original hospital structure, an operating pavilion, a nurses' home, a new addition of private rooms, a children's ward and a new garage.

The new addition, which was provided for by the will of the late Robert H. Crozer and is known as the Robert H. Crozer Memorial, was completed in the spring of 1923. This building increased the capacity of the hospital to 253 beds.

The operating pavilion, completed about the same time as the addition, was presented as a memorial to Mrs. Margaret A. Houston by her two sons, H. H. Houston and T. E. Houston. A few years previous the children's ward was presented as a memorial to Charles B. Houston by Mrs. Margaret Houston and her two sons.

The nurses' home was the gift of the late Mrs. J. Frank Black. The Nurses' Training School has an annual enrollment of about thirty-eight students.

Last fall a new garage building, the gift of John P. Crozer, of Upland, was opened. Two motor-driven ambulances were included in Mr. Crozer's gift.

The institution is maintained by subscriptions and State appropriations as well as by the fees of the private patients.

Dr. S. R. Crothers is chief of the surgical staff and Dr. J. William Wood is chief of the medical staff.

The officers of the Board of Managers are Kingsley Montgomery, president; Mrs. Mary Macfarlane, vice president; Miss Edith S. Bunting, recording secretary; Miss Mary C. Deering, corresponding secretary; William S. Blakeley, Jr., treasurer, and Joseph A. Hulme, superintendent.

J. Lewis Crozer Hospital

The J. Lewis Crozer Hospital was built in 1902 and opened for patients July 17 of the following year. This date was about three years after the -

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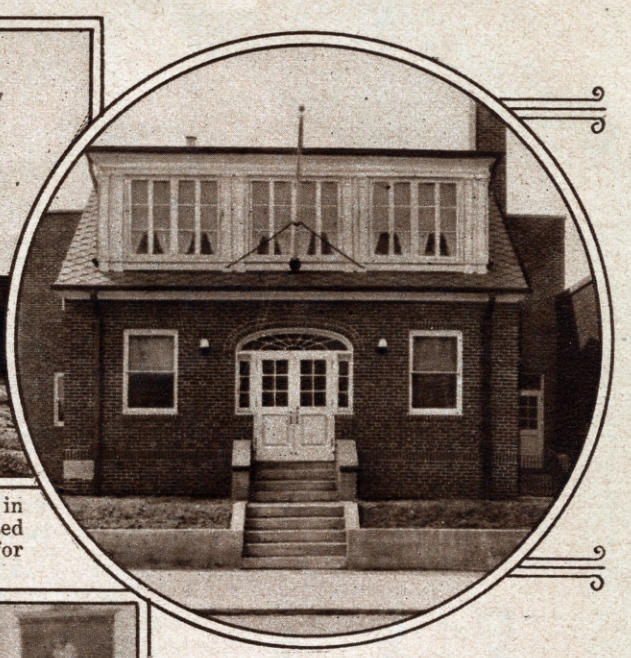
DETENTION HOUSE FOR GIRLS
Located at 204 East Fourth street

THE OLD DESHONG MANSION. Located in Deshong Park. This building is used as the Red Cross headquarters and as a meeting place for other organizations



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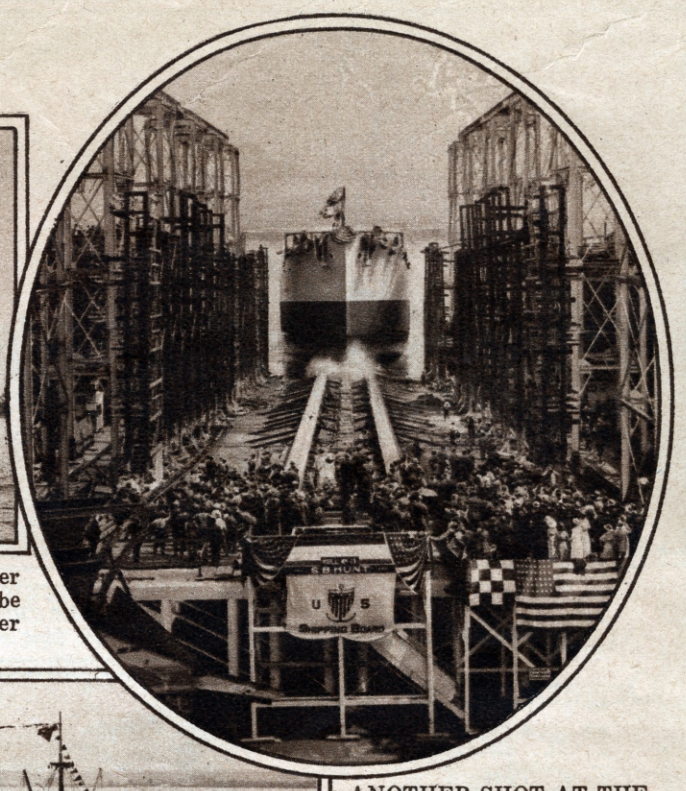
SCENE AT ONE OF THE CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

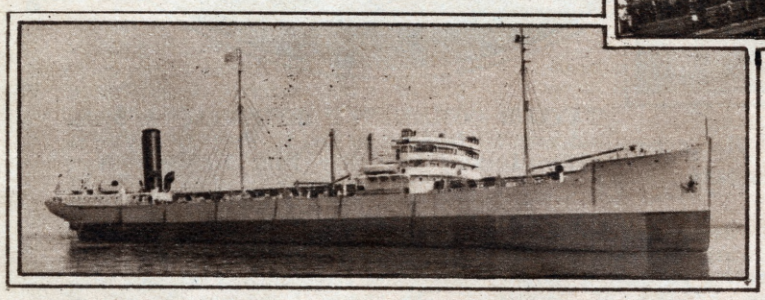
Delaware River at Chester Presents Scenes of Interest and Activity

SEAWARD BOUND—A large passenger vessel, one of the type which may often be seen gracefully slipping down the river toward the sea



ANOTHER SHOT AT THE KAISER—Launching of a ship at the Sun Shipyard for the United States Shipping Board. During the war every faculty of the shipyard was strained, and 12,000 men worked day and night

SILHOUETTED AGAINST A HAZY MOON ON THE DELAWARE



BRINGING CRUDE OIL TO THE CHESTER REFINERIES

A LAUNCHING AT THE OLD MERCHANT SHIPYARD—This great shipyard, for many years Chester's leading industry, is now the site of the new Ford plant

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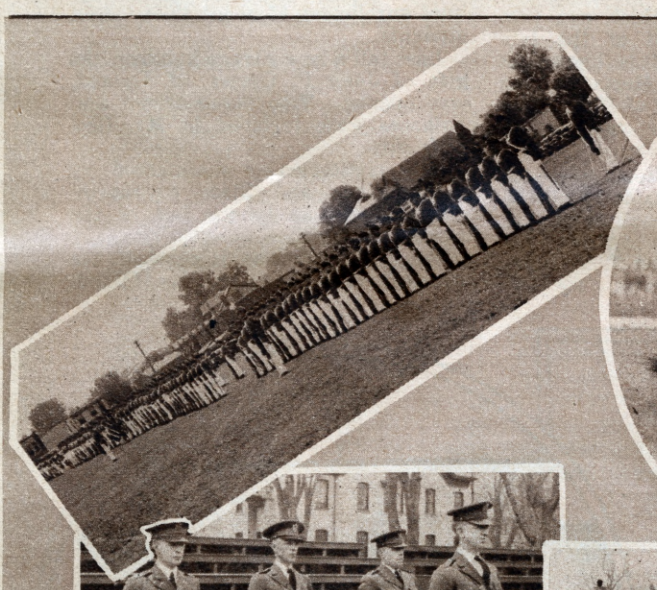

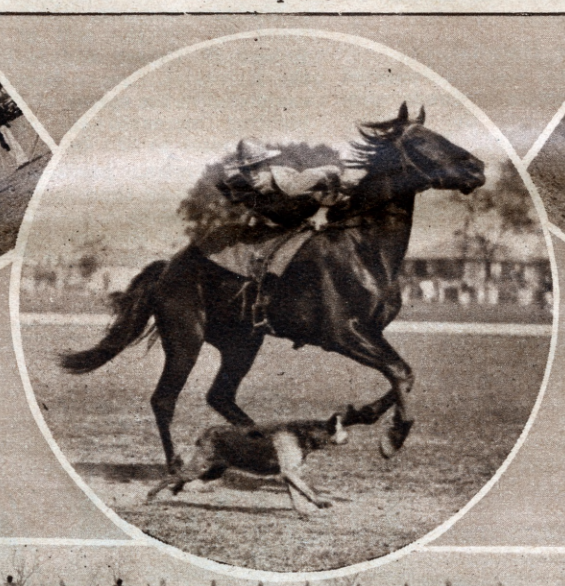

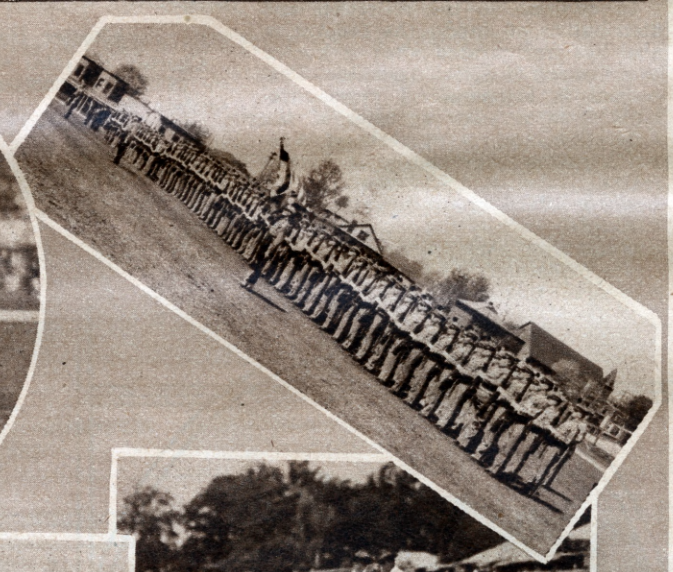

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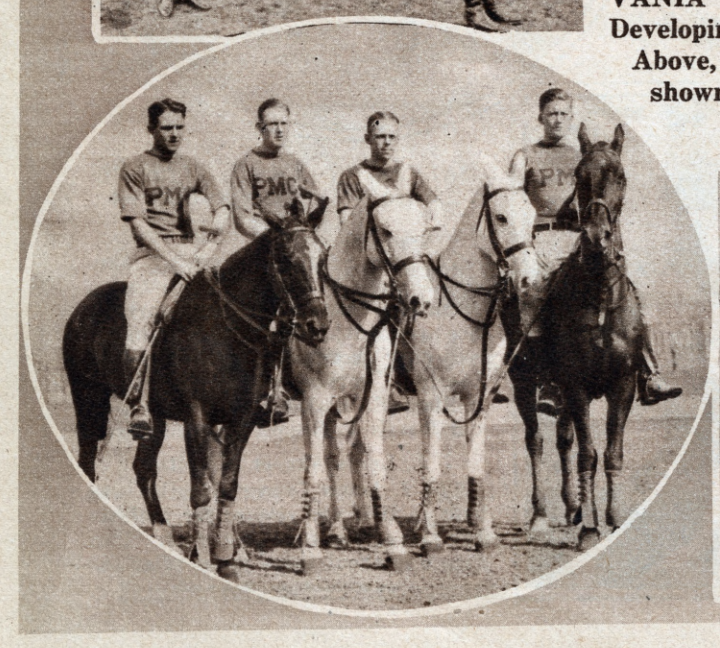

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A QUICK TURN—Pennsylvania Military College cadets in action during a game on the polo field behind the main building of the college

J. LEWIS CROZER LIBRARY — The third oldest library established in the State of Pennsylvania. A trust fund of $200,000 is held by the board of the organization for the erection of a new building

J. Lewis Crozer Library

Chester has a free public library, known as the J. Lewis Crozer Library because of the benefactions of the late J. Lewis Crozer. Before 1925 a membership fee of ten cents a month was charged.

The library, which boasts of 5000 books, is an outgrowth of the "Mechanic Reading Room," founded in 1873 by Miss Laura Hard.

Like most other libraries, it moved from one location to another. Started at 15 West Third street, when money and books were freely donated the collection was transferred to Holly Tree Hall, which Miss Hard erected on Seventh street, west of Edgmont avenue, and which in 1920 was destroyed partly by fire, though not before the association had again removed to its present quarters on Broad street, east of Edgmont avenue.

The Pennsylvania Military College, a Chester institution since 1865, is taking a progressive step this year with the erection of a $100,000 concrete stadium. The work is well under way and is expected to be completed for the opening of the 1926 football season.

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Building and Real Estate

A RECENT survey of Chester showed that there were 12,799 homes in this city.

A survey of the eastern section of the county made this spring indicated that nearly 3000 homes were in the course of construction or had just been completed.

This building activity continues both in Chester and Delaware County. In 1921 the cost of buildings for which permits were granted by the city amounted to $852,489; in 1922 the amount was $1,591,546, and in 1925, $3,447,490. In the first six months of this year permits have been issued for buildings costing more than during the entire year of 1925.

In Upper Darby Township permits to erect buildings and dwellings costing $16,500,000 were granted in 1925.

Both Delaware County outside the City of Chester and Chester itself have active real estate boards affiliated with the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

One of the largest dealers in building supplies in the city is the firm of Stacy G. Glauser & Son, Inc., with yards at Fifth and Fulton streets and at the foot of Edwards street, along the riverfront. This company does an annual business of about one and one-half million dollars and sells more than fifteen million feet of lumber each year. Fifty thousand dollars has been spent in adding new electrical machinery to the millroom this year.

Another large building supply company is the W. S. McDowell Company, with yards at 1911 West Second street. The company was established in 1860 by John McDowell; it then passed into the hands of his two sons, W. S. McDowell and W. J. McDowell. Now it is carried on by Wesley J. and Harold D. McDowell, whose grandfather was the founder of the business. The company specializes in rough wood for building purposes, and last year did a business of nearly a million dollars.

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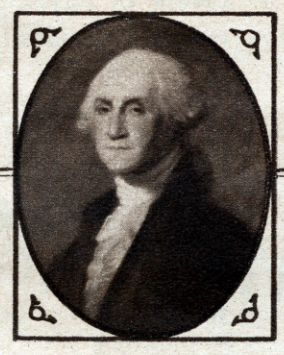

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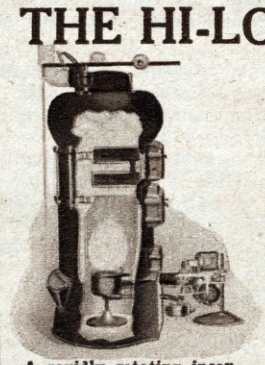

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Building and Real Estate

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The Fields Brick Company is the oldest manufacturer of that building product in the county. The company has been in operation for about eighty years and has a capacity of one million bricks a month. About sixty-five men are employed at the plant at the present time.

The Collingdale Millwork Company is located at Collingdale, several miles from Chester on the Chester Pike. Last year the company had sales of over half a million dollars. During the war the company turned out ammunition boxes, rifle boxes and lifeboats for the Government.

The O. W. Ketcham Terra Cotta Works employs about 150 men and does an annual business of more than a million dollars. A number of these men are draftsmen, sculptors and designers, who assist in making ornamental work for buildings. The products of the company are sent over the entire United States.

The Keystone Cabinet Company, Front and Franklin streets, specializes in the manufacture of dining-room furniture sets. Their products are shipped over the entire country to retail dealers.

Wallace Lippincott, realtor of this city, is also a member of the Philadelphia bar. Before opening his own office in the Crozer Building he was in charge of the title and trust department of the Cambridge Trust Company.

S. H. Adelman, realtor, is one of the leading dealers in industrial and commercial properties in the city. During the past year he has taken part in several million-dollar sales in this city.

Lear & Worrilow are also active realtors of this city, with offices on the second floor of the Crozer Building.

Cochrane & Cummins and Sweeney & Clyde are two of the oldest real estate firms in the city. Samuel J. Cochrane may be referred to as the dean of real estate men of Chester, while Frank G. Sweeney, who died suddenly in July, had also been associated with the real estate activities of the city for many years.

John J. Dougherty, who has offices in the 69th Street Terminal Building, Upper Darby, was one of the earliest developers of Springfield Township. About five years ago Mr. Dougherty purchased several large farms in what is now the South Springfield section and divided them into building lots, which he resold. Since that time his activity in buying and developing properties for building purposes has made Springfield one of the most rapidly growing sections of Delaware County.

The Knatz-Cooke Company, with offices at 69th street, is an innovation in the real estate business of Delaware County. These two men, H. Blair Cooke and William M. Knatz, conceived the idea of organizing a company to specialize in ground and industrial sites and handle nothing else. The success of their experiment, although only started last year, has been pronounced since the beginning.

The Windsor Circle Development, which is being handled by Thomas A. Sheridan, is an outstanding layout of attractive homes. The Circle is located in Springfield just eleven minutes by shortline from 69th street. It consists of eighteen English-type homes, no two of which are alike in plan, layout or dimensions. The group is copied after a similar village at Forest View, just outside of New York City.

P. Beccia, builder, of Drexel Hill and Springfield Township, has been prominent in the erecting of attractive homes in the eastern part of Delaware County for the past four years. He has erected more than a score of dwellings since the beginning of 1926.

British War Vessels Off Chester

An army of American soldiers, 16,000 strong, was encamped in and around Chester, Sunday, August 24, 1777, when on its way to meet General Howe in his attempt to capture Philadelphia. Lord Cornwallis, on November 18 of the same year, embarked with 3000 British regulars from this place to make an attack on the American fort at Billingsport, N. J. Over eighty British men-of-war and transports lay at anchor off Chester then.

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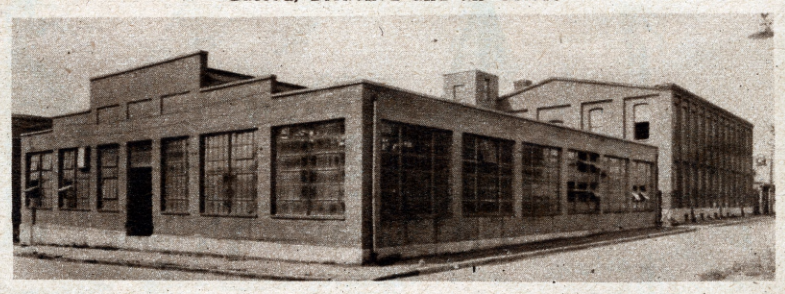

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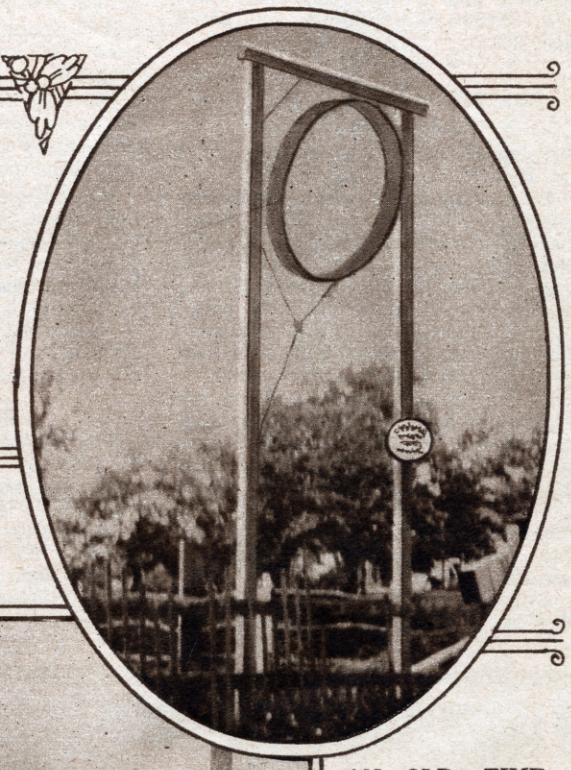
"ONE WHEEL ON THE GROUND"—The old Hanley steamer pounding over the cobblestones of Market Square. The photograph was taken from the southwest corner of Market Square looking north

EQUIPMENT OF THE FELTON COMPANY—Organized 1882. This company has 170 active volunteers and 260 contributing members

MARKET SQUARE
A portion of the Square as it appears today



AN OLD-TIME FIRE ALARM—This alarm stood for many years at Calcon Hook, on Tinicum Island

THE SECOND OLDEST COMPANY—The two pumpers of the Hanley Company, organized 1868

THE MOYA HOOK AND LADDER
The Moyamensing Company equipment and building on Ninth street near Upland street. The third oldest company in the city, organized 1869

A CHEMICAL WAGON AND PUMPER—Equipment and building of the Franklin Company, oldest company in the city, organized 1867

HOME OF THE GOOD WILL COMPANY—Organized 1892. This company has 128 active volunteers and 300 contributing members

History of Chester's Fire-Fighters

THE history of Chester's fire-fighting equipment dates from 1867, when the Franklin Fire Company, the first one in the city, was organized. Prior to this date, however, as early as 1854, two hand engines were used. These were known as the Delaware and the Friendship, and great rivalry existed between the groups of men in charge of these two early pieces of apparatus.

The Hanley Company owned the first steam fire engine in the city and the first horses. In the early days of the company the equipment was paid for and owned by the companies; now, however, the greater part of their support comes from appropriations by City Council.

Although all of the fire companies have passed through discouraging financial periods, the volunteer system in this city has been notably successful, and for years has been able to cope with every emergency.

The value of apparatus at the present time is about $125,000, while the value of buildings is about $185,000.

Hospitals and Charities

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opening of the J. Lewis Crozer Home for Incurables.

Both of these institutions were provided for by the will of J. Lewis Crozer, who named a bequest of $500,000. The cost of erecting the buildings was met by Mrs. J. Lewis Crozer, however, leaving the $500,000 willed by her husband as an endowment. The buildings and grounds represent an expenditure of about $250,000.

At the present time the Home for Incurables has nine patients, a large part of the building being used as a maternity ward. During the past year, from April 1, 1925, to March 31, 1926, 377 maternity cases were cared for in this building. The hospital cared for 577 patients during the same period.

A school for nurses was established May 10, 1893, and now has an annual enrollment of about eighteen nurses.

The officers of the Board of Directors are Mrs. Robert Wetherill, president; William B. Broomall, secretary, and James C. Baker, treasurer. Miss Mary Collett is superintendent. The head of the surgical staff for many years was the late Dr. R. C. Casselberry, who died July 4 of this year. His successor has not yet been named.

Taylor Community Hospital

The Taylor Community Hospital at Ridley Park was founded May 10, 1910, by Dr. H. Furness Taylor, who died December 26, 1920.

From the original institution, which had accommodations for less than a dozen patients, the present building now contains fifty rooms and seventy-five beds.

The new five-story addition, which has so greatly increased the facilities of the hospital, was dedicated October 3, 1925. This new building, in addition to the private rooms, contains a maternity ward, a roof garden and a "baby glen." There is also an out-patient department where free clinics are held.

A training school for nurses with twenty students is also a part of the hospital.

Since its foundation the institution has cared for more than 8000 patients and nearly 5000 surgical operations have been performed.

The officers of the board are M. J. Comerford, president; Frederick J. Michell, vice president; Robert G. Thompson, secretary, and William H. Stanton, treasurer. Mrs. Katherine G. Taylor is superintendent, Dr. E. A. Campbell is chief of the surgical division and Dr. C. L. Partridge of the medical division.

Media Hospital

The Media Hospital was founded in 1909 by Dr. C. H. Schoff, who heads the medical staff. The building, which is located in Media, contains twelve private rooms and two wards. Maintenance has come from yearly donations from the County Commissioners and from the fees paid by private patients.

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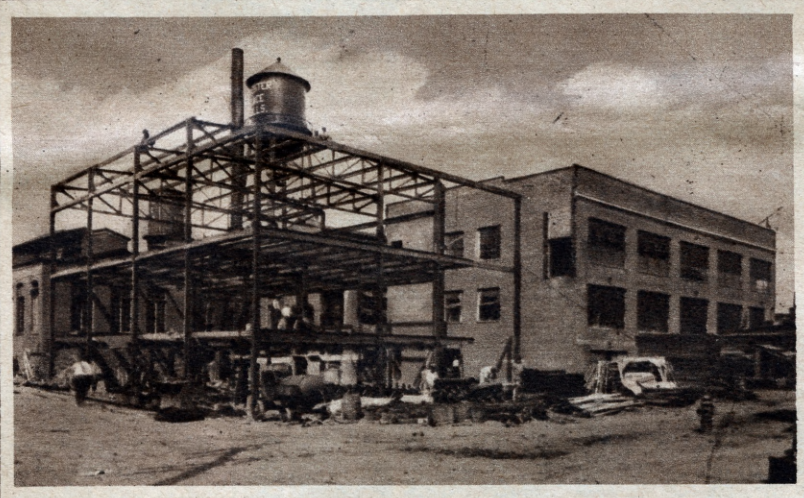

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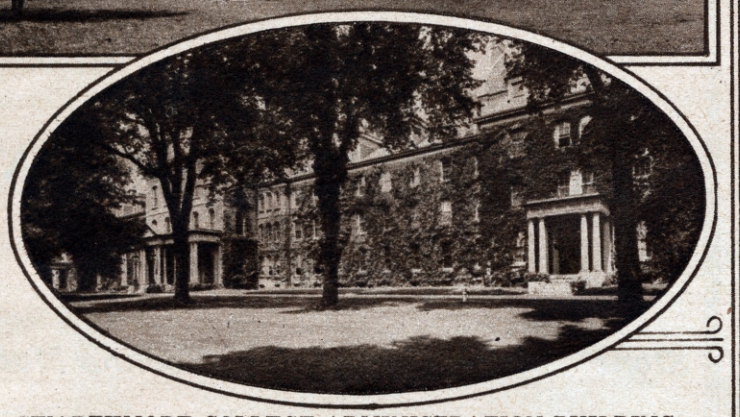

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—Stronghold of the Hicksite Friends, located three miles northeast of Chester

Crozer Theological Seminary

The Crozer Theological Seminary opened its doors in October, 1868, with a class of twenty students. Since then important additions have been made to the buildings, faculty, library and equipment, and its students are preaching and teaching in many foreign lands and nearly every State of the Union. The main building was erected in 1858 for educational purposes by the late John P. Crozer, who died eight years later and whose children have since been instrumental in continuing the benefaction.

During the Civil War, the main building was used as a hospital for the sick and wounded soldiers of the Confederacy, and in turn a stockade was erected, with armed sentinels.

Swarthmore College

Swarthmore College, just three miles northeast of Chester, was founded by the Friends in 1864. The enrollment at the present time is limited to 500 students and the institution is co-educational. Although the atmosphere of the Society of Friends still exists, the school is practically non-sectarian.

Within the past four years the college has created a name for itself with the establishing of honors courses which make its system of education not greatly different from Oxford University. This innovation was sponsored by the president, Frank Aydelotte, who is a graduate of Oxford.

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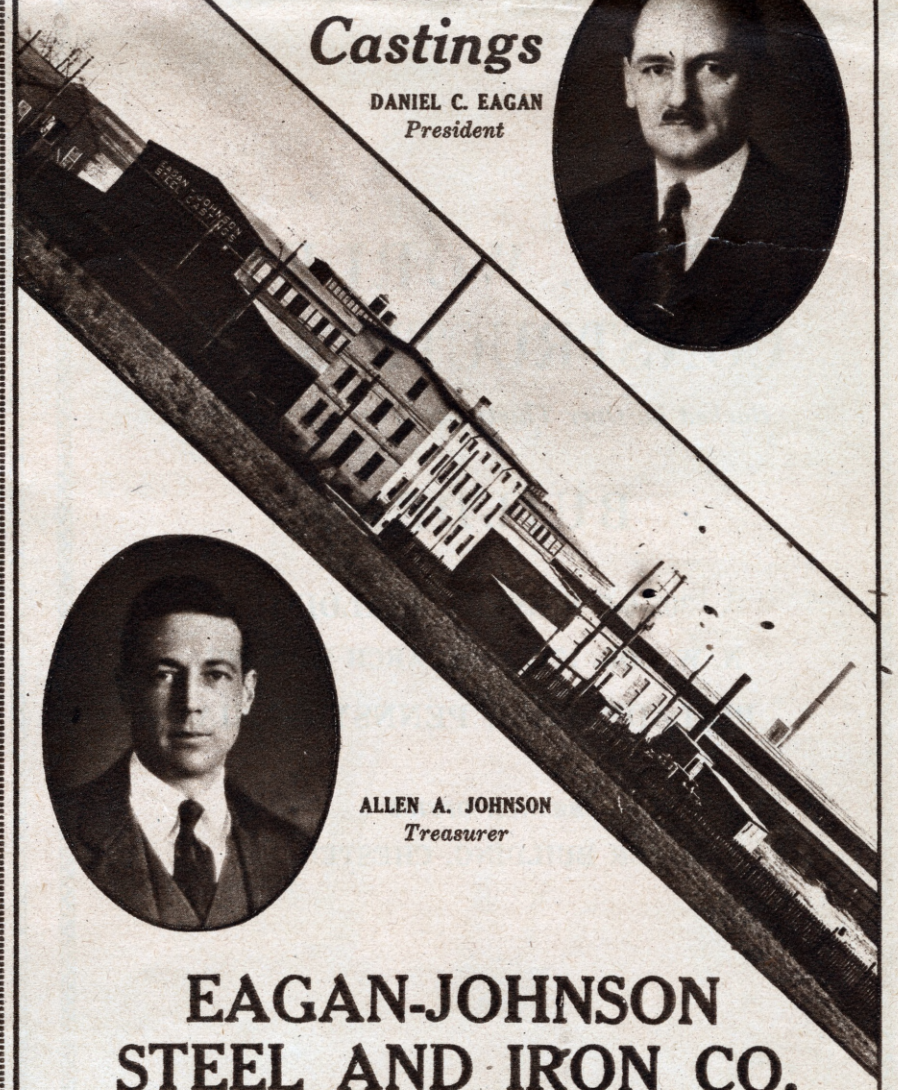

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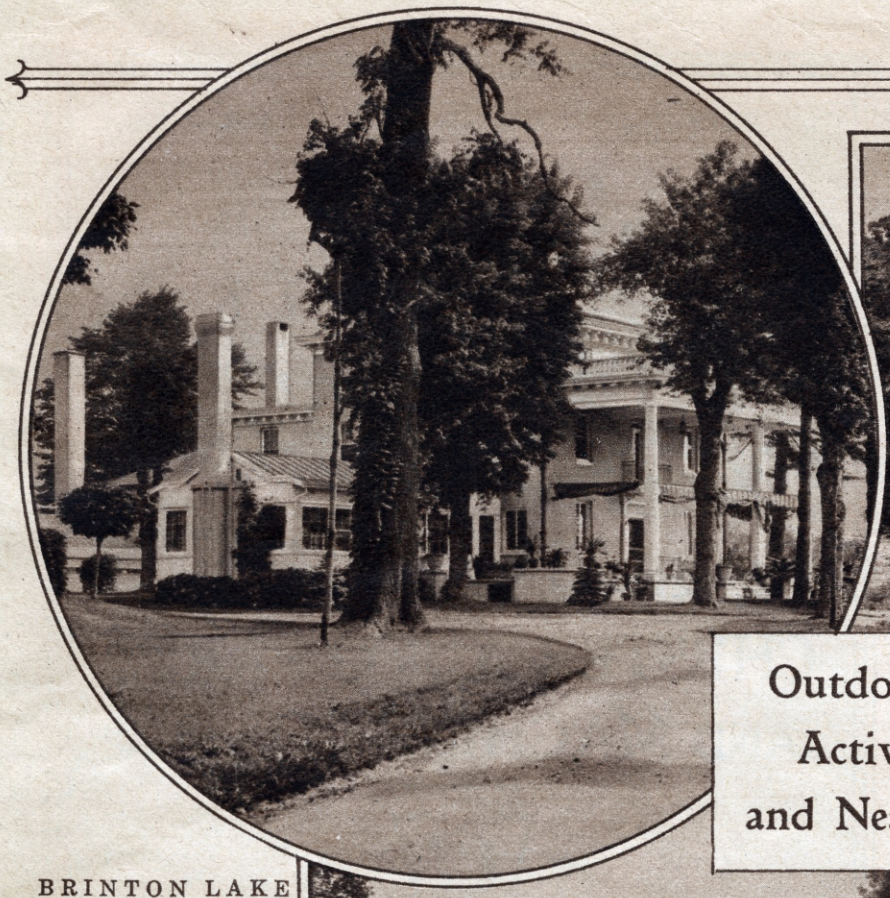
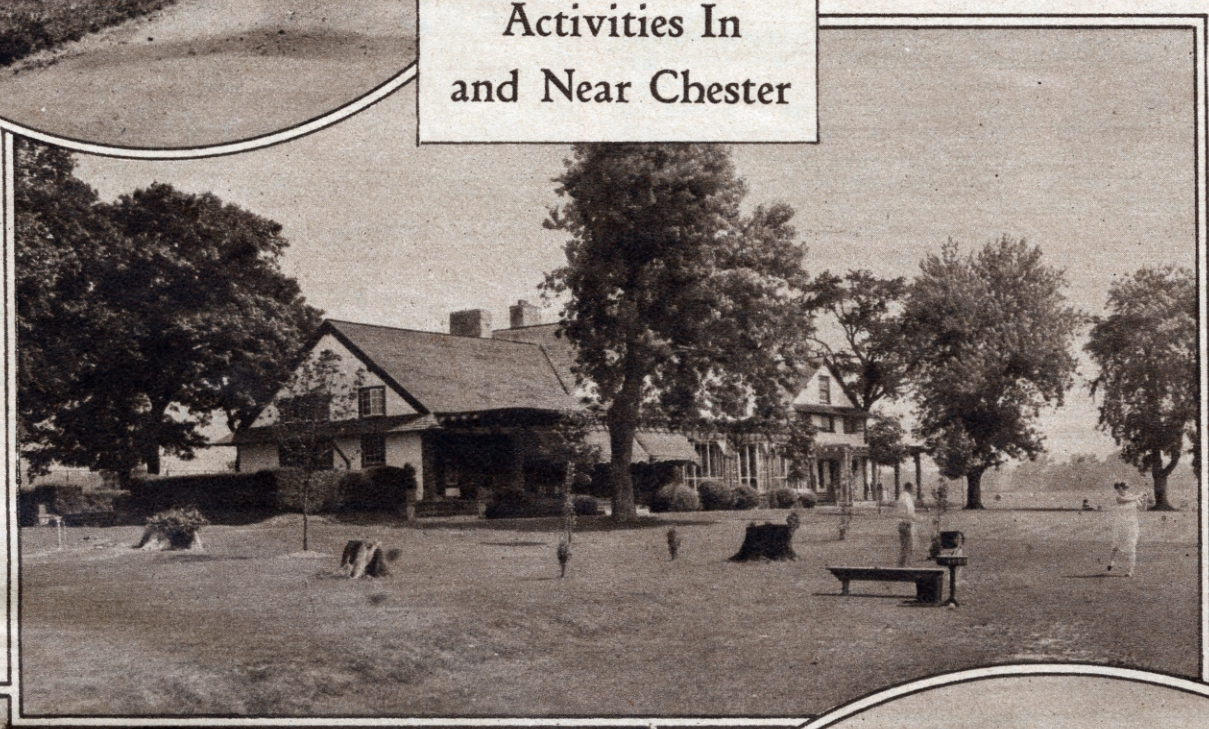


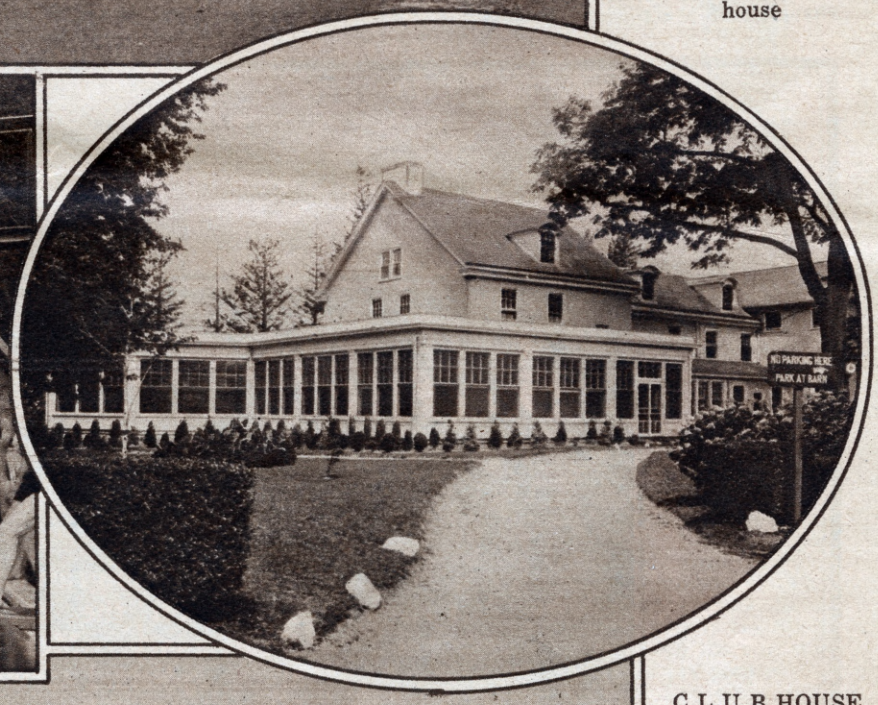
Outdoor Social Activities In and Near Chester

BRINTON LAKE COUNTRY CLUB—House and grounds located about twelve miles west of Chester. Grounds include a large natural lake for swimming and an eighteen-hole golf course



CLUBHOUSE OF THE NEW ROLLING GREEN GOLF CLUB—Delaware County's newest country club, built upon 153 acres of land, approximately four miles north of Chester

ON THE FIRST TEE AT SPRINGHAVEN—The Springhaven Club, situated just outside of Chester. Advantages include an eighteen-hole golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts and beautiful clubhouse



HOLIDAY CROWD AT THE ABERFOYLE COUNTRY CLUB—This club is maintained for the employes of the Aberfoyle Mills. It is situated on 112 acres of ground on the outskirts of Chester

CLUB HOUSE OF ABERFOYLE COUNTRY CLUB

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Roads and Bridges

(Illustrated on Page 13)

THE "Sproul Viaduct," spanning Crum Creek and the Leiper quarries at Avondale, just north of Chester, on the road between this city and Swarthmore, was opened early in 1923. The cost of the structure, which is close to 1600 feet long, was about $100,000. It eliminates a very steep hill, which for years was a danger point for motorists. The State and the county shared equally in the cost of the project.

The old Shoemakerville Bridge, which for many years marked a much-used crossing point at Ridley River, has been replaced by a new concrete structure just completed. The new bridge is to be known as the Governor Printz Bridge, in honor of the first Governor of the Swedish Province established at Tinicum. The entire cost of the project, including the changing of the road to eliminate a curve at one end, is in the neighborhood of $200,000. The structure consists of six spans and has a thirty-foot roadway. There is a walk for pedestrians on either side of the road.

The Delaware County Memorial Bridge was completed and opened for traffic in the fall of 1924. It was dedicated to the World War veterans of Delaware County with suitable exercises on the afternoon of June 16, 1926. The structure is located on the Baltimore Pike over Crum Creek between Swarthmore and Media. The roadway between the curbs is thirty feet wide, and the two spans which make up the structure are 120 feet long.

The Chester Pike, Delaware County's newest and finest stretch of paved road, was opened for traffic Thursday, August 12. This highway, which is the main connecting link of Chester and Philadelphia, is seven miles long and consists of two seventeen-and-one-half-foot traffic lanes with car tracks in the center.

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Business Houses

The Frank Tollin Department Store furnishes a great many homes in Delaware County each year. Mr. Tollin opened his store in Chester thirty-one years ago. He has been at the present address, 617 Edgmont avenue, for the past thirty years.

The firm of J. Francis Taylor, agent for Dodge cars and Graham Bros. trucks, was established in 1915, with headquarters at Eighth and Crosby streets. On October 24, 1924, the firm was taken over by Adolph Steuber and Frank H. Taylor, who incorporated but continued to use the name of J. Francis Taylor. These two men, who were associated with Mr. Taylor for several years before buying out the business, are now heads of the firm in its new building at 9 East Ninth street. A branch agency of the firm is located at Pierson's Garage, Media.

Rufus Waples & Company, established in 1891 in Philadelphia, is a leading firm of financial consultants. The members of the firm are Rufus Waples, Furman S. Howson and Prentiss deV. Ross.

William T. Fowden, Third street and Concord avenue, entered the plumbing business in Chester twenty-nine years ago. For the first nine years his place of business was located at 1103 Edgmont avenue and since that time has been at the present address. In addition to all kinds of plumbing work, Mr. Fowden installs hot-water heaters, oil burners, pumps, windmills and other equipment.

A new building to house forty teams of horses and a score of wagons is now being erected at Darby by the Scott-Powell Dairies. The headquarters of the firm is in Philadelphia, although about 8000 to 10,000 quarts of milk are delivered daily in Delaware County.

Alfred G. Steer, 822 Crozer Building, is one of the most active life insurance men in Delaware County. Mr. Steer has represented the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia for many years in Chester.

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Congratulatory Letters

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perience is but a short time, yet measured in the life of newspaperdom it is a very respectable period. Sufficient time has elapsed to demonstrate the wonderful progress our leading daily has made.

Your successful career has kept apace with the growth of our community, and I am proud of the achievements of both factors—so conducive to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of all our people.

My best wish is that you may have continued prosperity.

Respectfully,

ALBERT DUTTON MacDADE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HARRISBURG, PA.

July 15, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

May I extend to you my sincere congratulations on your fiftieth birthday. Most people do not like to admit their ages, but in the case of an institution such as the Chester Times, years become the badge, not of approaching death, but of growth and progress, and the opportunity, through the respect of the community, to mold its public opinion. Those of us who have been interested in civic matters ought also to express, at such a time as this, our appreciation of the liberal support always cheerfully given. May your reward be found in another fifty years of prosperity.

Sincerely yours,

ELWOOD J. TURNER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HARRISBURG, PA.

July 19, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

I want to extend my hearty congratulations to you and the rest interested in the Chester Times upon this, the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of your paper.

It does seem to me that today, more than ever, the press is the big factor in progress, in the molding of public opinion; therefore it seems that your paper is the factor in the governing of public opinion in this community.

And then when we realize that your paper has been in existence for one-third the life of the Nation, it is only right that the people of the community should give you full credit for your noble work.

May the Chester Times continue to stand for the betterment of everything in Delaware County is my sincere wish.

Yours very truly,

GROVER C. TALBOT.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HARRISBURG, PA.

July 12, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

I want to extend my congratulations on your golden anniversary of the Chester Times. I have had the opportunity of seeing its continuous growth from its inception to its present high standard. Fifty years in continuous service and gaining each year speaks well for any newspaper and the community which it represents and must necessarily put the Chester Times in the front row of our country's dailies.

Hoping that our paper and the town will prosper along the same lines for the next fifty years, I am

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD NOTHNAGLE.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DELAWARE COUNTY
MEDIA, PA.

July 26, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

The fact that you are observing your fiftieth anniversary is in itself indicative of your success. During that half century this county has developed along many lines with tremendous strides, and no one enterprise in the county has contributed so much to this progress as your newspaper. It has been the outstanding factor for the advancement of the entire county, and I am pleased to take this opportunity of congratulating you for the foresight, good judgment and energy that you have shown in conducting your paper with such success to itself and this important community.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

July 13, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

Delaware County is indeed to be congratulated that it has an organ of publicity like the Chester Times. The Times has been very responsive to the interests of the schools of the county, and has been very generous in the attitude which it has taken toward public school questions. In offering congratulations upon the fiftieth anniversary of its founding, I am, therefore, extremely happy to pay tribute to the outstanding service which it is rendering to public school work.

A very essential condition to the full success of public schools is the right kind of publicity. Every one benefits by this publicity—school officials, teachers, pupils, parents and taxpayers. It keeps alive interest; it stimulates worthy activities, and it enables the general public to know what is going on.

Furthermore, from the standpoint of the County Superintendent, the publication of the local school items is a matter of great interest and importance. It enables his office to keep in close touch with local school affairs, and to observe the

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development of situations in which he is keenly interested.

In giving the schools of Delaware County the right kind of publicity, the Chester Times has done a real outstanding service.

May I offer my most hearty congratulations upon its having filled out fifty years of useful service, and in addition wish for it every success in the future.

CARL G. LEECH,
County Superintendent of Schools,
Media, Pa.

CHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHESTER, PA.
July 16, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

It is a delight for me to express my sentiments briefly about the Times on its fiftieth anniversary. My thoughts are these:

The people of Chester and Delaware County are to be congratulated on having as their news medium and interpreter of the ever occurring social, political and economic movements a newspaper like the Chester Times with its half century of experience behind it. The officers and editorial and news staffs are likewise to be commended for the very able manner in which the Times is managed and edited. The quality of the news with the absence of the lurid headlines so frequently found in our metropolitan dailies speaks volumes for the splendid ideals of those directing the affairs of our local daily. No institution does so much to control the moral and the industrial progress of a community as a high-class newspaper.

As a citizen of Chester interested in the advancement of our city along every useful line, I congratulate the Times on its fine record of accomplishments during its half century of service to the people of this community and wish for it greater prestige and greater usefulness during the next cycle of fifty years.

Respectfully yours,
NORMAN W. CAMERON,
Superintendent of Schools.

CHESTER BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION
CHESTER, PA.
July 14, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to congratulate you on this your fiftieth anniversary, not only as a merchant and advertiser, but as president of the Chester Business Men's Association.

At a meeting recently held of the Business Men's Association, every merchant was very loud in his praise of the results obtained through the advertising columns of the Chester Times.

Accept my congratulations on the new set-up comprising the pictorial page, and also my hopes that the next fifty years may be as prosperous as the past.

Best wishes from every merchant of this association acompanies this letter.

Yours for progress,
CHAS. W. HOPKINS,
Pres. Chester Business Men's Asso.

THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF CHESTER
July 12, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

The Exchange Club of Chester extends to you heartiest congratulations on this, your fiftieth anniversary. A half century of honest endeavor has not only brought you the monetary rewards of a successful business but the highest respect and the good will of the people of the City of Chester and Delaware County.

Permit me at this time to express my appreciation to your business family for the many courtesies extended to not only myself, but to this club as a whole. Such splendid co-operation is bound to succeed, and you have our best wishes for the years to come.

Very sincerely yours,
CLIFFORD H. PEOPLES,
President.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB
CHESTER
PENNSYLVANIA
July 10, 1926.

Editors Chester Times:

It is a pleasure to me to be permitted to add my word of greeting to your distinguished publication upon the auspicious occasion of a fiftieth anniversary, in spite of the fact that under the caption, "Thirty Years Ago," you mentioned the celebration of the writer's birthday, thus proclaiming to the world that she had reached the time of life when anniversaries are not always matters for congratulation.

However, the golden milestone is an epoch, marking as it does the passage of fifty years of remarkable service to a community which, with its most prominent news publication, has grown and developed in every way.

May I speak for my own organization when I say that the members of the New Century Club of Chester, representing, as they do, several hundred of Delaware County's finest families, are grateful for the always courteous attitude of the Times; and that we have proved our kindly feeling and esteem by placing a current copy of your paper, among other valued tokens, in the inmost recesses of the cornerstone of our new clubhouse. With appreciation of all that you have stood for in the past, and every good wish for a growing future, I am

Very truly yours,
EMMA PENDLETON TAYLOR,
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BUILDING OF THE CHESTER LODGE, I. O. O. F.—Charter of organization received December 8, 1843

BUILDING OF THE CHESTER ELKS—Erected at Fifth and Welsh streets in 1905

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Architect's drawing of building to be erected on the northwest corner of Market Square by out-of-town syndicate. S. H. Adelman is promoting the project

Chester's Fraternal Organizations

FREEMASONRY must have been identified with the early life of Chester, for when the city's population was only 600 persons we find that on June 24, 1796, a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to Chester Lodge, No. 69.

From that date down to the present time Chester has been a fertile field for fraternal organizations and auxiliaries. The following list includes the main classifications of orders:

American Catholic Union, Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, Ancient and Illustrious Order of Knights of Malta, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Fraternal Order of Beavers, Sons of St. George, O. E. T., Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Liberty, Daughters of O. U. A. M., Fraternal Patriotic Americans, Lady Foresters of America, Eastern Star Order, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies of the G. A. R., Improved Order of the Heptasophs, Improved Order of Red Men, Haymakers Association, Degree of Pocahontas, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity Order of Odd Fellows, Daughters of Rebekah, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Golden Eagle, Ladies of the Golden Eagle, Ladies' Auxiliary of Carpenters and Joiners Union, Knights of Hospitallers, Knights of Pythias, Knights of St. George, Daughters of St. George, Loyal Order of Moose, Masonic organizations, Ladies of the Mooseheart Legion, Masonic Ladies of the U. S. A., Modern Woodmen of America, Order of Independent Americans, Order of Owls, Order of Shepherds of Bethlehem, Order of United Americans, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Fraternal Order of Reindeers, Reformed Order of Klansmen, Royal Arcanum, Polish National Alliance of America, St. Michael's C. T. A. Society, Shipwrights and Joiners Union, Woodmen of the World.

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DELAWARE COUNTY COURT HOUSE—Erected at Media in 1913. Clarence W. Brazer, architect. The county jail is located on the square just behind the building

Photo Courtesy C. W. Brazer

Delaware County As a Judicial And Civil District

TO SOME people, Delaware County means only a judicial and civil district; to others, it means a restricted area containing the homes and interests of 200,000 people.

Delaware County as a judicial district was originally part of Chester County, with the county seat at Chester. In 1786 the county seat was moved to West Chester, and in 1789 the State Assembly passed an act making Delaware County and Chester County two distinct districts.

Long before this period, however, the judicial history of Delaware County, or Chester County, as it was then known, contained many interesting happenings.

The first record of "Chester County" Courts at Upland is September 13, 1681, two hundred and forty-five years ago. In the February Court, 1682, Chester is named for the first time upon the records. At the court held in 1683 William Penn, the proprietary, presided in person.

August 27, 1687, the first jury of women in the United States was empaneled in Chester. Sessions of the Provincial Court were held at Chester on stated occasions in the early days of the province. There was also a Court of Petty Sessions held occasionally in 1693. In 1694 an act of Assembly was passed providing that monthly and quarterly sessions be held in every county by the respective Justices, and that each Quarter Sessions be as well a Court of Equity at Law.

The first hanging in Delaware County (then Chester County) was in 1718. In 1778 a British spy was hanged and in 1786 a woman paid the same penalty. These and other early executions took place at the intersection of Providence and Edgmont avenues, which was known as "Hangman's Hill."

Upon the removal of the county seat to West Chester in 1786, such dissatisfaction arose from the people in the eastern section of the huge territory that in 1789 the State Assembly, largely through the interest of Anthony Wayne, passed an act "erecting" the County of Delaware. The county's first census gave the population as 9483.

With the creation of Delaware County as a separate and distinct district, a bar association was immediately formed. Six weeks after the new municipal district had been created by the act of September 26, 1789, the first court convened in what is now known as the Old Court House at Chester.

The first member of the Delaware County bar was William Tilghman, afterward the great Chief Justice of Pennsylvania. Upon his admission by Judge William Richardson Atlee, who sat as the first presiding Justice, he moved the admission of William Lawrence Blair, who had been in active practice in Philadelphia for over sixteen years.

He then asked the admission of Joseph Thomas, at that time in the front rank of the Philadelphia bar. John Ross, afterward Representative in Congress and later one of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justices, was named. William Graham followed, the only Delaware County man admitted that day. Benjamin Morgan was the sixth and Anthony Morris, who served as Speaker of the Senate when Lafayette was received by both houses, was the seventh. The eighth and last was John Todd, who died when 30, and whose widow married a second time, to be known in history as "Dolly" Madison, her second husband being the fourth President of the United States. No bar in the country had its birth with more illustrious sponsors. The first Judge was Henry Hale Graham, who was appointed by Governor Mifflin. Judge Graham was the only resident of Delaware County commissioned to preside over its courts until an interval of eighty-five years had elapsed. This was because the reapportionment of judicial districts placed Delaware County in the First District, comprising the Counties of Philadelphia, Bucks and Montgomery, so that the courts were all presided over by the President Judge of Philadelphia.

A later apportionment act in 1806 created a new district comprising Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks and Chester Counties, and in 1821 Chester and Delaware Counties became the Fifteenth Judicial District.

Chester continued as the county seat and court was held in the building now preserved as the Old Court House until 1847, when on October 12 the people voted in favor of removing the county seat to Media. The Supreme Court was then called upon to decide the issue, and almost a year later that body handed down a decision favoring the removal.

There was a strong disposition to name the new county seat "Providence," but because there were already two townships bearing that name it was thought inadvisable. The name "Media" was selected because the new county seat was in the center of the county.

Delaware County became a distinct judicial district in 1874. The first Judge to fill the bench of the new district was John M. Broomall. His appointment was just eighty-five years after the term of Judge Graham in 1789.

In 1907 a law was passed granting the district an additional law Judge, and in 1921 the Legislature passed an act providing for an Orphans' Court Judge. John B. Hannum was appointed to the position by Governor William C. Sproul, and elected to a ten-year term in the same year.

The President Judge of the county at this time is W. Roger Fronefield. Judge Fronefield was appointed Judge following the retirement of Judge William B. Broomall in August, 1925, and was made President Judge following the death on June 10 of this year of Judge Isaac Johnson, who had held that honored position since 1900. The other existing vacancy left by the death of Judge Johnson and the naming of Judge Fronefield as President Judge was filled by the appointment of John M. Broomall, 3d, in July, 1926.

For several years there has been pronounced agitation for the appointment of another Judge for this district. Two and often three visiting Judges are called to Media each year to assist in handling the large number of cases, and this practice is not looked upon with approval by many people.

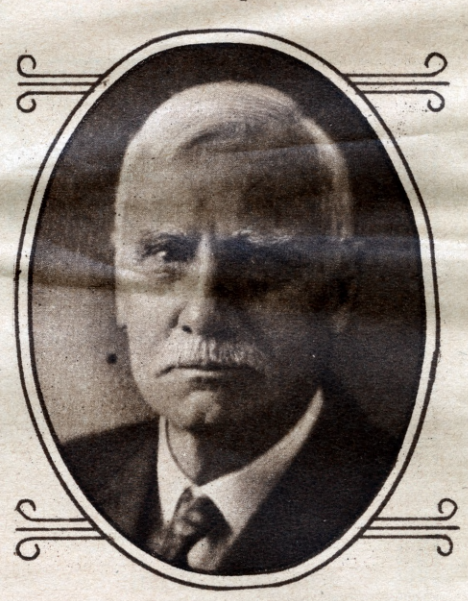
W. ROGER FRONEFIELD
President Judge of Delaware County

JOHN M. BROOMALL, 3D—Appointed in July, 1926, after the death of Judge Isaac Johnson

JOHN B. HANNUM—Judge of the Orphans' Court

State and National Representatives

DELAWARE COUNTY is represented in Congress by the second oldest member of the House in years of service, and he is the oldest member in continuous service. Congressman Thomas S. Butler was first elected to represent the Seventh District, comprising Delaware and Chester Counties, in 1896, and he has served without interruption since that



THOMAS S. BUTLER—Congressman from the Eighth Congressional District for the past 29 years

date. He will have finished his fifteenth term on March 4, 1927. Mr. Butler received the Republican nomination at the primaries this spring without opposition.

Congressman Butler is the only Congressman in the history of this country who has appointed a father and son to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He is revered and honored by all the people of his district, and the satisfaction with which he represents his constituency is indicated by his long continuance in office.

As has been previously said, Delaware County is now part of the Seventh Congressional District along with Chester County. This final apportionment was made in 1901, after the county had been reapportioned several times.

The Act of March 16, 1791, apportioned Pennsylvania into eight congressional districts, the City of Philadelphia and Delaware County constituting the First District. Delaware County then had a population of only 9483, which naturally gave Philadelphia the choice.

The following year, 1792, a new act made Chester County and Delaware

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FARMLAND FOUR YEARS AGO. Now it is part of the densely settled Eastern Delaware County section. Photograph taken of Aronimink from the roof of a 100-family apartment house

State and National Representatives

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County the Third District. In 1812 another change placed Philadelphia and Delaware County together once more in the First District with four members. Ten years later, Delaware County, Chester County and Lancaster County were grouped in one district.

In the reapportionment of 1843, Delaware County and Montgomery County were put in the Fifth District. The Apportionment Act of 1852 made the final arrangement of Chester County and Delaware County as one district. This has continued to the present time and the district is now known as the Eighth Congressional District.

Congressman Butler was elected for the first time in 1896, and has continued in uninterrupted service up to the present time. His first election was the most strenuously contested of his career, when he was opposed by John B. Robinson, of Delaware County, who was up for re-election for his fourth term. Up to this time it had been customary for the parties of the two counties to agree on their candidates. In 1896, however, Chester County claimed the congressional nomination, but the friends of John B. Robinson insisted that he should be accorded a fourth term, and the result was a deadlock. Butler was elected, and since that time has succeeded himself each year with little opposition.

The State Legislature

Delaware County has four Representatives in the State Legislature. One represents the First District, or the City of Chester, while the other three represent the rest of the county. The positions are held at the present time by Edward Nothnagle, of the First District, and William C. Alexander, Elwood J. Turner and Grover C. Talbot, of the Second District. All of the present men are Republican nominees for re-election this fall. Delaware County's representation in the State Legislature began in 1789, when the act was passed in the Assembly erecting this county. There were only two members at first, these being taken from the six originally alloted Chester County when the two counties were together. Eugene F. White, veteran Councilman of Chester, is Clerk of the House. He was elected by the Representatives to succeed the late Thomas H. Garvin, of Sharon Hill.

The State Senate

Delaware County's present representative in the State Senate is Albert Dutton MacDade. This county was originally part of the district with Philadelphia, but in 1808 Chester and Delaware Counties were made a senatorial district. In 1836 Delaware County was made a district with Chester County and Montgomery County. The county became a separate district in 1874.

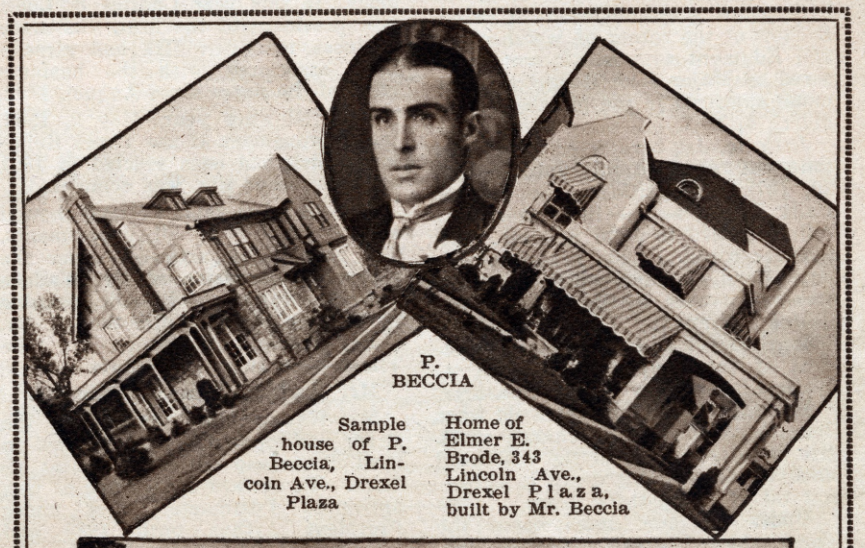
Commerce Along the Delaware

The Red Man, with his little bark canoe, symbolizes the earliest beginnings of commerce on the Delaware, while at the same time transportation by land was through the agency of the pack horse.

Local commerce, it appears, got a start about 1819, the date of organization of a company which operated the John Walls, a sloop devoted to the conducting of passengers and freight between Chester and Philadelphia.

Development of maritime interests from this time on is an elaborate story. However, only the most meagre thumbprints can be made in a recital of this character. On the whole, it is largely a sequence of enterprises by organizations, but more particularly by individuals, directed at transferring travelers and the necessaries of life from one point to another.

The Rainbow and the Robert Morris, whose animated rivalries are still read with enthusiasm; the William Penn, built about 1830; the good ship Jonas Preston—these and other craft shed a glamour of light on the stout undertakings of Chester's pioneer shippers.



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Times Celebrates Anniversary

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From a small daily paper we have grown with the community, until today the Times is one of the foremost dailies in Pennsylvania, with a circulation second to none for the size of the city in which the paper is published.

The Times is circulated in every borough and township in Delaware County, while a glance at the mailing list will show that copies are sent daily to many States and foreign countries.

History of the Times

The first issue of the Times was published September 3, 1876, in the little printing establishment of Prince & Stow at the corner of Welsh street and Edgmont avenue. It was sponsored by Major John Hodgson, whose name appeared in the masthead until March 8, 1877.

J. Craig, Jr., became editor at that time, but remained only until October 20, 1877, when title to the Chester Daily Times, as the little sheet was called, passed to John Spencer. Mr. Spencer continued his proprietorship until April 17, 1882, when the paper was taken over by the Times Publishing Company, Ltd., Publishers. Colonel David F. Houston was president of the company, and John A. Wallace secretary and treasurer.

The paper was eight years old when John A. Wallace took charge of it. His name remained in the masthead until the time of his death in 1915—a total of thirty-three years.

Under the new management the paper showed great progress, and, at the end of 1883, another column was added and the length of the page increased. The printing plant was moved from Third and Market streets to large quarters at 530 Market street.

For ten years the paper grew steadily under the supervision of Mr. Wallace and played a prominent part in the life of the community. Then on March 10, 1892. an announcement was made that a half interest in the paper had been sold to William C. Sproul.

The business of the Times was continued under the firm name of Wallace & Sproul until January 1, 1910.

Mr. Sproul had been employed with the Times while attending school in Chester and college at Swarthmore. He was familiar with the city and brought new ideas into his work. One month after his connection with the firm the size of the paper was increased again, and advertising was removed from the front page to inside pages.

August 12, 1902, a new name appeared in the masthead—a name which was to remain alongside the names of John A. Wallace and William C. Sproul for many years—the name of a man who was to build up the paper after Mr. Wallace had passed away and Mr. Sproul had transferred his activities to other fields. In this year Charles R. Long, now president of the firm, was made business manager. He had already been associated with the business office of the paper since August, 1892.

The following year, May 2, 1903, the improvement of the Times Building, which had been erected in 1891 on the present site, was completed.

The first five years of 1900 showed steady growth in all departments. The editorial department, under the personal supervision of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Sproul, and made possible by the fine business direction of Mr. Long, gained recognition for the Times over the entire State.

Mr. Wallace Named Postmaster

Mr. Wallace since taking over the paper had showed a vital interest in local, State and national political affairs. His reward came when he was appointed Postmaster, first under President Arthur until 1885 and later from 1902 to 1912. Mr. Sproul's political career was also progressing. He was first sent to the State Senate as a representative from this district and later served as Governor of Pennsylvania.

In 1910 Mr. Long was admitted to partnership with Mr. Wallace and Mr. Sproul, the firm name changing to Wallace, Sproul & Long.

In the same year the Morning Republican, which had been published as a daily since 1895, was taken over by the Times interests. It was conducted as a morning paper until September 29, 1923, when it was discontinued.

Frank C. Wallace, son of John A. Wallace, and now owner of the Times with Mr. Long, began his association with the firm about 1913.

For two years before becoming an officer in the corporation, he served as plant superintendent.

John A. Wallace died March 23, 1915. In September of that year the firm incorporated, with William C. Sproul as president, Charles R. Long as treasurer and Frank C. Wallace as secretary.

November 5 Mr. Sproul was elected Governor, and six days later the Armistice was signed in Europe.

October 20, 1919, a new press was installed which increased the previous capacity of the plant over 100 per cent. The size of the pages was increased from seven to eight columns.

Mr. Sproul gave up his active participation in the paper when he was elected Governor in 1918. In 1922 he sold part of his interest to the present owners, and in December, 1924, he severed his connection with the paper entirely. At this time Frank C. Wallace was made president of the firm, and Charles R. Long, who is president this year, was made secretary and treasurer.

In preparing this edition, the idea of presenting photographs and text which would give a complete stranger knowledge of the kind of a city Chester is has been kept persistently in mind. If this has been accomplished, the Anniversary Number will also be an inspiration to residents of this city, as well as a historical reference for future use.

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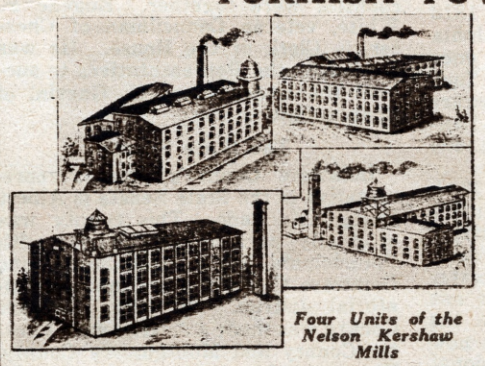

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The natural reaction of readers will probably be to find the greatest enjoyment in the photographs of old Chester. No better illustration is needed to show the value of an edition such as this. In fifteen years from now those who have saved this number will find as much enjoyment in looking at the photographs of Chester as it is today as we do now in looking at the photographs of old Chester.

No more suitable means could have been selected for the editing of this number than rotogravure. It marks the most desirable way of reproducing photographs, and is used by the largest newspapers in the country.

The value of photographs is indisputable. By looking through this edition in a few minutes the stranger can get a more accurate impression of Chester than he could have gained by reading double the number of pages of text.

Although it was originally planned to divide the contents of the edition into two sections—one devoted to Chester and the other to Delaware County—it was found as the work progressed that the two parts of the county were so closely allied that to consider them separately would be impossible.

With the development of more improved highways, more frequent train service, new bus routes, street-car lines, etc., the 3000 acres of the county seem to have shrunken. Chester business men live in the most remote sections and reach their offices in a few minutes, while the number of commuters between Chester and Philadelphia and Chester and Wilmington has grown rapidly.

It is not fair to base the amount of money spent in Chester upon the number of families and the amount spent by the average American family. Chester is the commercial center of three-quarters of the county. A stranger is perplexed to determine just where Chester ends and the adjoining boroughs begin, so densely built up is the county. The county population of 200,000, in comparison to Chester's 70,500, indicates the number of people Chester draws from.

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